DERRICK

1969

KATHY KINTSEL

Kathy,
It sure has been
a lot of fun in band
although you were always
competition. Best of luck
always to a real sweet girl.
Susan McKinnell

Kathleen,
You are a
sweet and kind
person & a joy to
know. I hope that
you are a success in
all that you endeavor
and that you have
few sorrows in your
life. Good luck & God
bless you.
Love,
Cheryl

Kathy -
You've helped me learn a lot
about music and about life
& people. I'm glad I came when
you need help. Keep in touch
as ever.
Mark

Kathy-
It's really been a pleasure knowing you and going to school with you. You're a wonderful girl. Stay the same person you are and you will go far.

Love ya
Sheila

Kathy
It has been very wonderful knowing you this past year.

Yours Truly
Jerry '65

Kathleen -
I'm sorry we didn't have more time together. Please keep in touch. Best of luck to you in all your endeavors.

Love ya
Sue '65

Kathleen
(Poppy)

Well, just one more year left. I hope it is going to be a good year for the both of us. I have really enjoyed being with you this last year. You know what I mean really close friends. Thanks for just being around when I needed someone to listen to me, even though I did talk stupid sometimes. Kathy, you are always willing to do anything for people. always with that big, bright smile. I do your smile comes also from a close and that is in your heart, Christ. You know, so help and think that you've got something going for you when you're special friend the you have got a will always walk you have got something that you have found out that he will find him one of these days. I am still praying together with him. I too have Christ. I just pray that you is the only way. I am still praying this will find him one of these days. I sure hope summer again, the Beach Trip of all. I sure hope we have some classes together next year. The best of luck always in the future. always,

Barbara
"70"

Kathy-
Have a very good
day, and you're one of the
most fabulous ones to remember.
I'll be at 3af high that has
1300 kids at 3af high that has
made my freshman year one to
remember.
Barbara

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-Kathy-
YOUR A UGLY NICE GIRL+THAT
I LIKE VERY MUCH SO BE
good THIS SUMMER AND STAY
OUT OF TROUBLE (A LEAST TRY)
GoodLuck
Ron Thacker
"72"

you are really allright, John Bellows '71

Kathleen, I really don't know

Kathy-
You are
positively the sweetest
girl I know. I really
enjoy your company.
Love,
Dave

TUHS Strives to be New and Improved

Taft High is growing, growing into a great school. Growing bigger and better than anyone ever imagined. The buildings of Taft High have a look of determination and strength.

We the students of Taft High, want to make something out of Taft. It gives you a good feeling to hear all the students standing after a game and singing our alma mater. Win or lose, we have spirit.

Through the many years in the life of T.U.H.S. the buildings began to become aged. Then four years ago it was decided upon to modernize our little **Place In The Sun.** The little theater, parts of the main building, and the woodshops were condemned. Two years later work began on reconstruction of our campus. This year the work is nearing completion.

The greatest achievement was the I.R.C. building. This contains the new library, the lecture hall for movies, Mr. Askew's office, Mr. Brown's office, and Dr. Wallace's office.

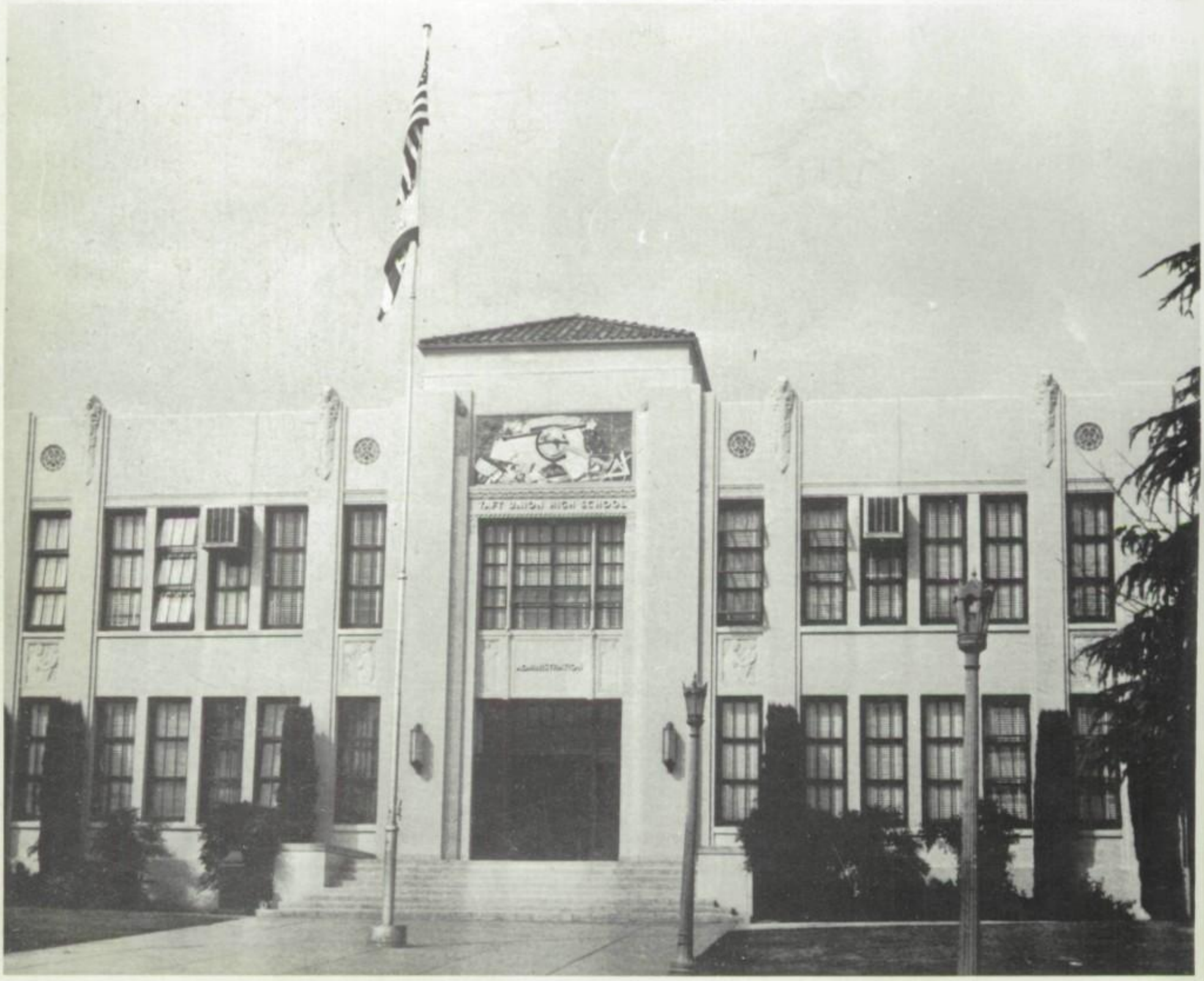
A new girls' gym was built with many improvements; two private showers, hairdryers, and the teachers have private offices.

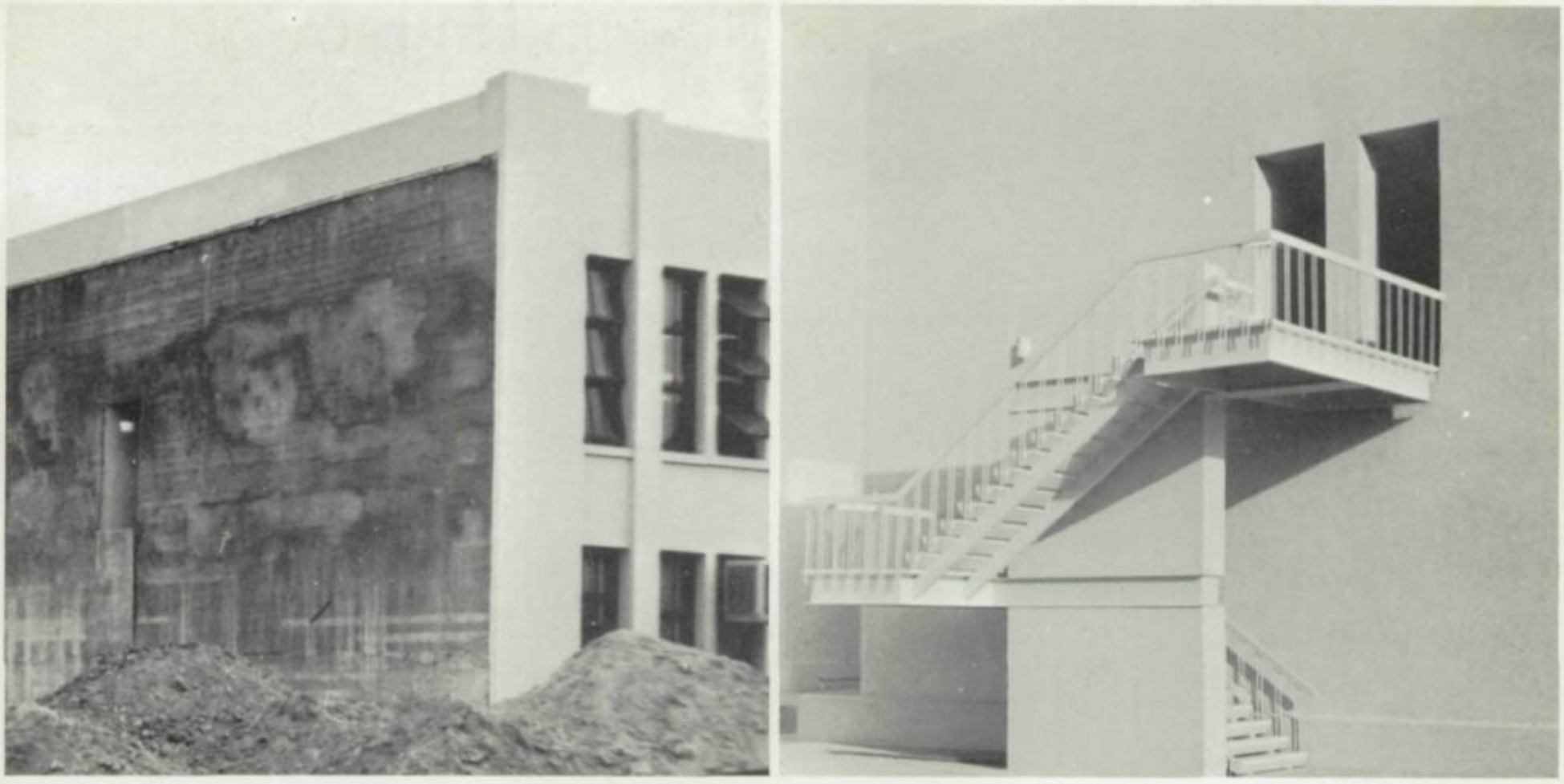
A new woodshop was built and the auto shop was completely remodeled and equipped with the very best machines possible for education.

The football stadium was moved and the bleachers were recovered. A track field was added and the boys' gym was completely painted in blue and gold.

A student center was placed in the new quad where students may purchase A.S.B. cards, DERRICKS, rooter's bus tickets, and products sold by the clubs.

The Administration Building as it has looked for many years only to be repainted this year.





Construction of the rear entrance to main hall last year; the finished product this year.

Science building steps are a direct route for the students taking science and math classes.

Kathleen-
What can I
say to a person like
you? I forget. Ummmm...
There is no way to express
in words how much you
mean to me. You've had a lot
of fun together and we've shared
a lot of tears, but dearest that make
our friendship more valuable. You have
added so much to the Youth Group and
much to me. For truth, without your friendship
stark, raving mad, utter things. You
and now, on to bigger and better personality. And Kathleen, that is
come since with that you'll be
this day and age, you will never learn to
a on but you'll find that you get hurt
people. And they'll hurt you
them. But you'll find the
will strength that never
have a genuine and beautiful kind of love and true friendship. I like
as novelty in this world and you'll still with pure
used and stepped on but you'll still love
again and again the very one Kathleen who will
also the very one and true reason. I may sound
greatest kind of love your because you
and people will love you impell. But you are going
and no other reason and the joy
existing to find both. And Paul is helping
to find you get hurt those who will hurt
you and hurt you again
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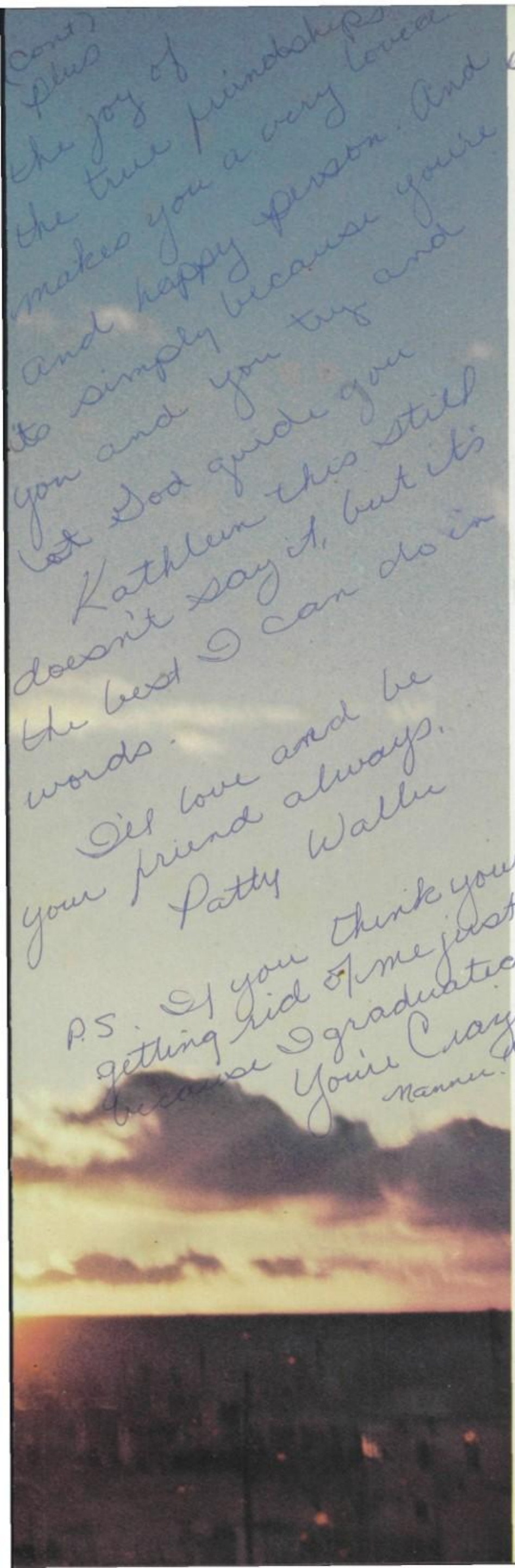

Reserved

There's a Place in the Sun

Like a long lonely stream
We keep running towards a dream
movin on; movin on
Like a branch on a tree
We keep reachin to be free
movin on; movin on
There's a place in the sun
Where there's hope for everyone
Where our poor restless hearts gotta run
There's a place in the sun
And before our lives are done
Gotta find us a place in the sun

Like a dusty old road
We get weary from the load
movin on; movin on
Like this tired troubled earth
We've been rollin since our birth
movin on; movin on
There's a place in the sun
Where there's hope for everyone
Where our poor restless hearts gotta run
There's a place in the sun
And before our lives are done
Gotta find us a place in the sun

Valerie Gianopulos takes time out to smile for the camera.

Robert Shuck, Hub Kanode, and Mike Daniel display their artwork.

Taryn Trahan checks out the situation.

Seniors show their spirit during a football rally.

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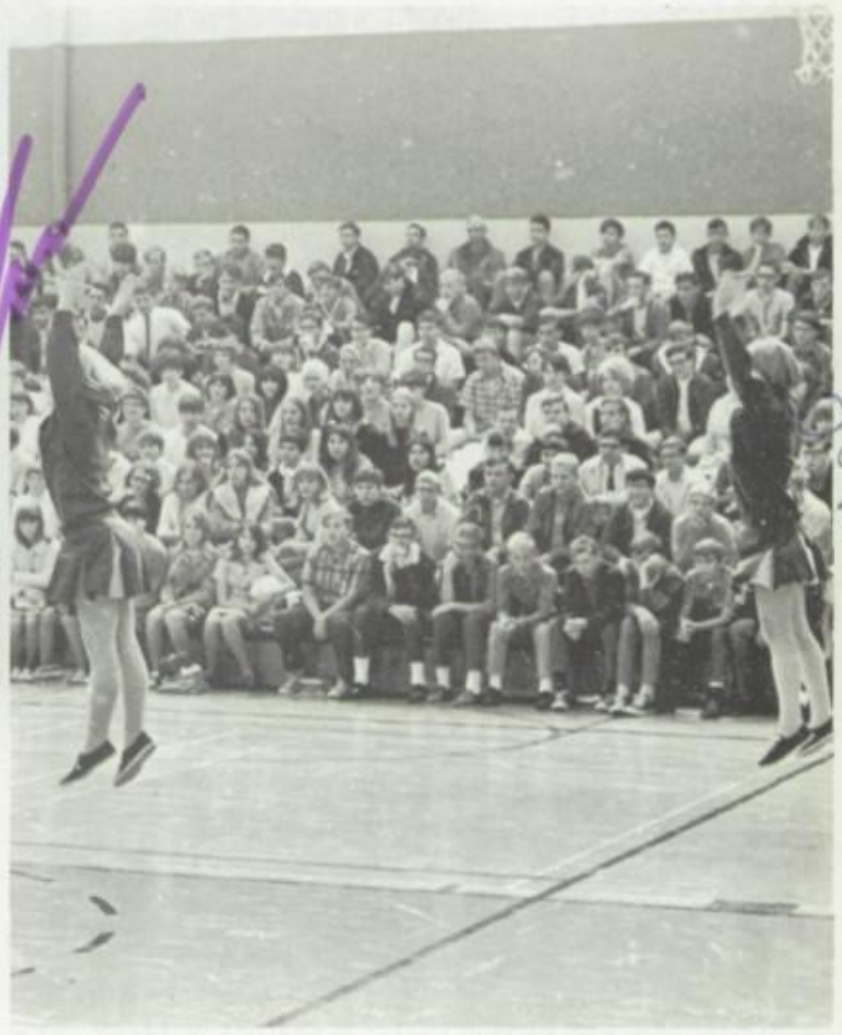
The Taft Union High School marching band has one of its regular fourth period practices.

Varsity cheerleaders; Wendy Seppi and Wease Morris teach a new cheer at a rally.

Harlon Keller number 44 seems to be hugging a member of West High's team.



Mr. Kelley as a football coach.

Mr. Kelley as Vice-Principal.

Derrick Dedicated To Mr. Bill Kelley

After four wonderful years at Taft Union High School, the Class of 1969 found Mr. William Kelley to be its greatest inspiration.

For three years Mr. Kelley, as a coach, led many of our teams to the much cherished achievement of champions. His players and all who know him felt respect for him unearned by any other faculty member.

He not only led athletes to high awards, but also the entire student body. Serving as Vice-Principal of the school during the 1968-1969 school year, his interest in the students, and their problems made Mr. Kelley the one outstanding personality on campus. His first responsibility was to the students, which he always seemed to find time for in his busy schedule.

So, it is with great admiration that the Class of 1969 dedicates its DERRICK to Mr. William Kelley.

Mr. Kelley as baseball coach.

-Kathy-
You're really sweet and kind. I met your mother this year up at Conley and both of you are just alike. I hope we have some classes together next year when we are big Seniors. Good luck in all you attempt but knowing you, you don't need it. See you around this summer.

Cherie

Curriculum

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Mr. Gerald Robertson, Mrs. Marie Farlow, Mr. Fred Kincaid, Mr. Milton Ross, Mr. Fred Isbell.

District Superintendent Dr. C. E. Wallace.

Dr. Wallace shows his strength and power at the car bash.

Administration

Guides Students

After graduating from Narbonne High School, Lomita, California, Mr. Kelley attended Taft Junior College; he graduated with an A.B. Degree from College of the Pacific.

His first public school teaching assignment was at North Bakersfield High School, where he taught Health Education, Physical Education, and coached football and baseball. He transferred to Taft Union High School where he taught Physical Education and coached football and baseball. His next assignment was at Taft College where he taught Health Education, Physical Education, Team Games and coached football and baseball. After teaching and coaching at Taft College for a period of four years, Mr. Kelley returned to Taft High School as Physical Education Instructor and coach of class "B" football and baseball. Mr. Kelley's teams won seven consecutive championships in football and baseball.

A graduate of Whittier Union High School, Mr. Askew also attended Whittier College where he received an A.B. Degree. Before continuing his education at the graduate level, two years were served in the U.S. Army.

His first regular teaching position was at Pioneer High School, in Whittier. While there, he taught in the Social Studies, English and Science Departments,

Following graduation from Pomona College, Mr. Brown was awarded a teaching fellowship at Brown University where he did graduate study and taught in the Political Science Department. He received his General Secondary and Administration Credentials from Claremont University College and did further graduate study at the University of Southern California. He came to Taft in 1939 and shortly thereafter was appointed Head of the Social Science Department.

Since 1950 he has served the Districts as Assistant Superintendent in charge of Business Services.

After graduating from Montebello High School, Dr. Wallace attended Pasadena Junior College; graduated with an A.B. Degree from Whittier College and after a year's graduate work at Whittier College, received the General Secondary Teaching Credential.

His first teaching assignment was at Kelseyville High School in Lake County, California, where he taught Mathematics, Science, Shop, Physical Education, and coached football, basketball, and baseball. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. After the war, he was the Principal-Coach at Potter Valley High School in Mendocino County, California. Next he was Assistant Principal at Torrance High School and earned the Masters Degree at University of Southern California.

He was the first Principal of Arcadia High School and helped establish many of the policies which are in effect there today. He then served as principal at Inglewood High School and completed his work for the Ed. D. Degree at U.S.C. Later he served as Assistant Superintendent in Educational Services for the Whittier Union High School District

Assistant Superintendent Lyle Brown.

Vice-Principal Bill Kelley.

Vice-Principal Wade Askew.

Dean of Girls, Mrs. Nellie Ballew.

Dean of Boys, Mr. Paul Smith.

Deans

Encourage Students To Improve Morals

Discipline and the improvement of the morals of the students is the greatest goal of the dean's work. They work hard to encourage the students to be good citizens that the world will accept with open arms when they attain adulthood. They try to follow a course of action and attitude towards the students that will gain the respect of the students they serve.

Mrs. Ballew, the dean of girls, strives to have complete fairness in her treatment of the girls. She also believes that all problems should be thoroughly discussed with an open mind on both sides.

Mr. Smith, the dean of boys, also strives for fairness in his position. He also serves as the advisor to the Key Club, where promotion of school service is the greatest goal.

Both of the deans are well respected, and have put forth all their efforts to make the students of Taft High happy, with a hope that their actions will be fair.

Mr. Smith, Oleta Kaldenberg, Mrs. Ballew, Kathy Cooper, and Allen Jennings discuss a matter at a meeting.

Guidance

Aimed at Future

Counseling has been described as the "process of helping an individual to analyze himself, evaluate his environment, select an appropriate solution to problems, and make realistic plans."

It is every counselor's hope that every student who leaves TUHS will have a good understanding of his interests and his abilities, achieved some degree of success and received a quality education.

The degree to which this can be accomplished depends on the maturity of the student, how he values himself, how he values education, his life's goals, and his ability to accept responsibility.

The guidance and counseling program at TUHS was started in 1937. It was more than ten years later that guidance and counseling began to make any headway into school programs throughout the State and Nation.

In this day and age guidance and counseling has become a specialized profession, requiring two years of work in college beyond graduation from college.

The program also provides the service of a speech therapist and a psychologist, who work very closely with the counselors to assist students in need of help.

Darrell Anderson

Delbert Beckett

Leah Kinney

Phylis Toft

Mr. Ed Romuld, Work Experience Head.

Mr. Pete Gianapolus, Department Head.

Business Education

Teaches New Concepts

The Business Department is attempting to keep pace with the new concepts of technologies by expecting more schooling of the staff and constantly upgrading the equipment and teaching techniques.

For the past four years participation in the Federal Vocational Education Act program has added up-to-date calculators, electric typewriters, modern desks, duplicating machines, and a large amount of published materials to the department for student and instructional use.

This department has added many classes to its list of studies in the last couple of years. Among those are office machines, which is taken at Taft College, and working with computers.

In this department there are six well qualified teachers helping to prepare many of the students for the highly business world of tomorrow.

Head of the Business Department, Mr. Eugene Clausen.

Sixth period Office Training class works hard.

Belinda Anderson

Juanita Freeman

Hanford Lee

Henry Morris

Phyllis Toft

English

A Main Part Of Our Lives Forever

One of the most important subjects required at Taft Union High School is English. Few of the other subjects can be presented effectively without the students having a good background in English.

The English Department at Taft High has an excellent reputation for its teaching procedures. Its students are instructed in the mechanics of English and its techniques.

The faculty members composing the English Department are highly-skilled teachers and they must have excellent instructional materials with which to accomplish their goals.

This year the department has continued to develope. The classrooms, library, and offices have been presenting a wide range of reading interests and providing very useful information for the students.

Mrs. Blumeyer, Librarian

Mr. Hughes, Department Head

Lois Bartells

Delbert Beckett

Martin Donnelly

Magdalene Dooley

Virginia Hurley

Bailey Newlee

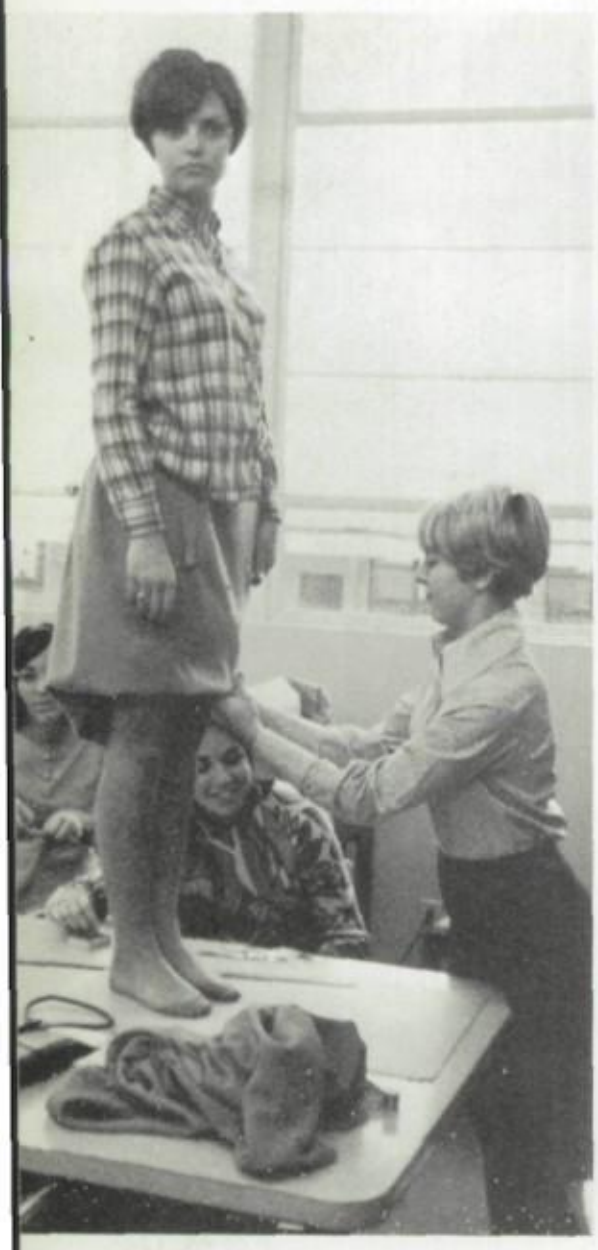
Joseph Palmisano

Esther Kitzman

Ben Smith

Floyd Jones

J. A. Palmisano



Cheryl Morris pins in Punk Bogle's hem while Joyce Johnston and Cindy Lusk ham it up for the camera.

Marjorie Faust

Ella Johnson

Leroy Kitzman

Jan Lemley
Mamie VanMeter

Mrs. Pat Gallaher, Department Head, on Sabbatical.

Home Economics, Arts & Crafts

Shows Creativity

The Home Economics Department deals with subjects which are practical long after graduation. Foods and clothing classes are two of the basic courses in this department. Other classes include: child care, and home management.

These courses are taught unlike most of the other classes at T.U.H.S. Films, speakers, field trips, and practical and first hand experience play important parts in the teaching plans. Students have the chance to observe nurserys, to make budgets, to study home furnishing and constructions, to study taxes, insurance, and to gain experience in the care of the sick in the local hospitals.

In the Arts and Crafts studies, students are encouraged to use their imagination and show their creative abilities. They are taught new skills and are commended on the skills they already possess.

Stan Barrett

Boyd Cole

Ed Cole

Don Dudley

Richard Peterson

Gerald Tashjian

Students show increasing interest

Industrial Arts

Interest Increases

The Industrial Arts Department includes mechanical drawing, woodshop, welding, auto mechanics, cabinet making, carpentry, metal shop and electricity. This year the Industrial Art classes are enjoying many new rooms and new equipment. These new facilities have been added over the past two years to help relieve the overcrowded conditions of the popular Industrial Art classes.

There is considerable interest building in this department, and it is believed that the enrollment will increase in the next couple of years to an all time high. For this reason, the department has been expanding in the last couple of years. The machines used in these classrooms are of the best quality and have the highest teaching facilities so that the students can actually do work in all the fields offered.

Mr. Noah Curti, head of the Industrial Arts Department poses for the camera.

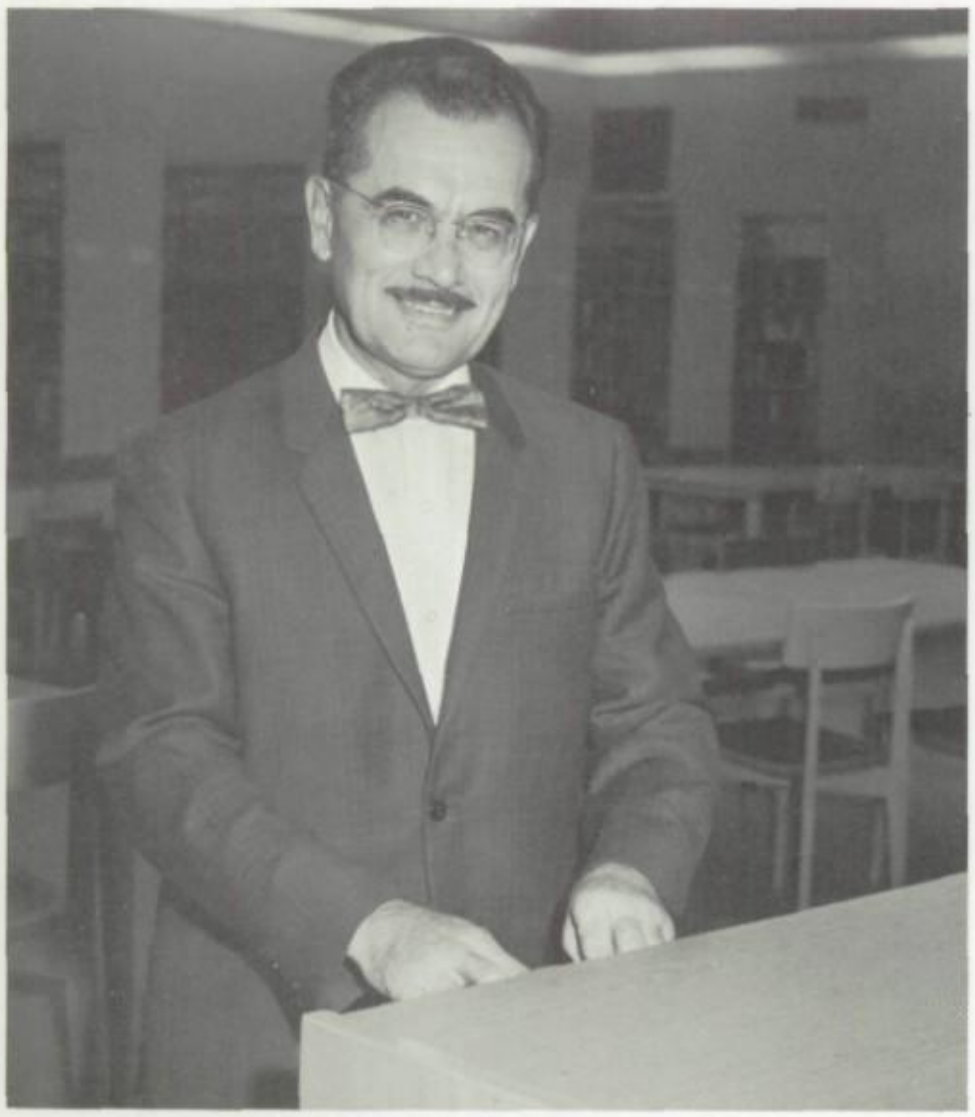
Languages

Help to Improve Foreign Relations

The Foreign Language Department at Taft Union High School directed its goal at giving its students an understanding of the languages of Latin, Spanish, and French. The cultures of these languages are also stressed.

Students now learn to speak, read and write through the use of the audio-lingual method. Each teacher also related certain notes of cultural interest to his students. During Easter Vacation, all of the fourth year students in Spanish are given an opportunity to use their knowledge of the Spanish language on the annual trip to Mexico.

This year all foreign language classes were located in the auditorium annex with the exception of Latin.



Mr. A. E. Casagrande, department head.

"Peace" and quiet is maintained in Spanish.

Clara Bell

Ralph Haywood

Mary Jane Mullen
Helen Okamoto
Ben Taylor

Mathematics

Helps Build Minds

The goal of the Mathematics Department at Taft Union High School is to clarify the many difficult areas of mathematics. The instructors try to unify the many concepts of math, and to eliminate much of the confusion.

The attempt to teach not only "how" concepts of math are applied, but "why" helps the students to better equip themselves to find solutions to new and unfamiliar problems.

Class discussion, demonstrations of problems, and explanations of theories enable the students to better understand the basic concepts of mathematics.

Classes offered in this department range from general math, to Algebra I and Algebra II, to Geometry and college math.

Besides equations and formulas, students learn of famous mathematicians and scientists such as Archimedes, Descartes, Newton, Euclid, and Galileo who gave us the basis for our modern math.

Mr. Quentin Watts, Department Head.

Glen Engle

Esther Harrison

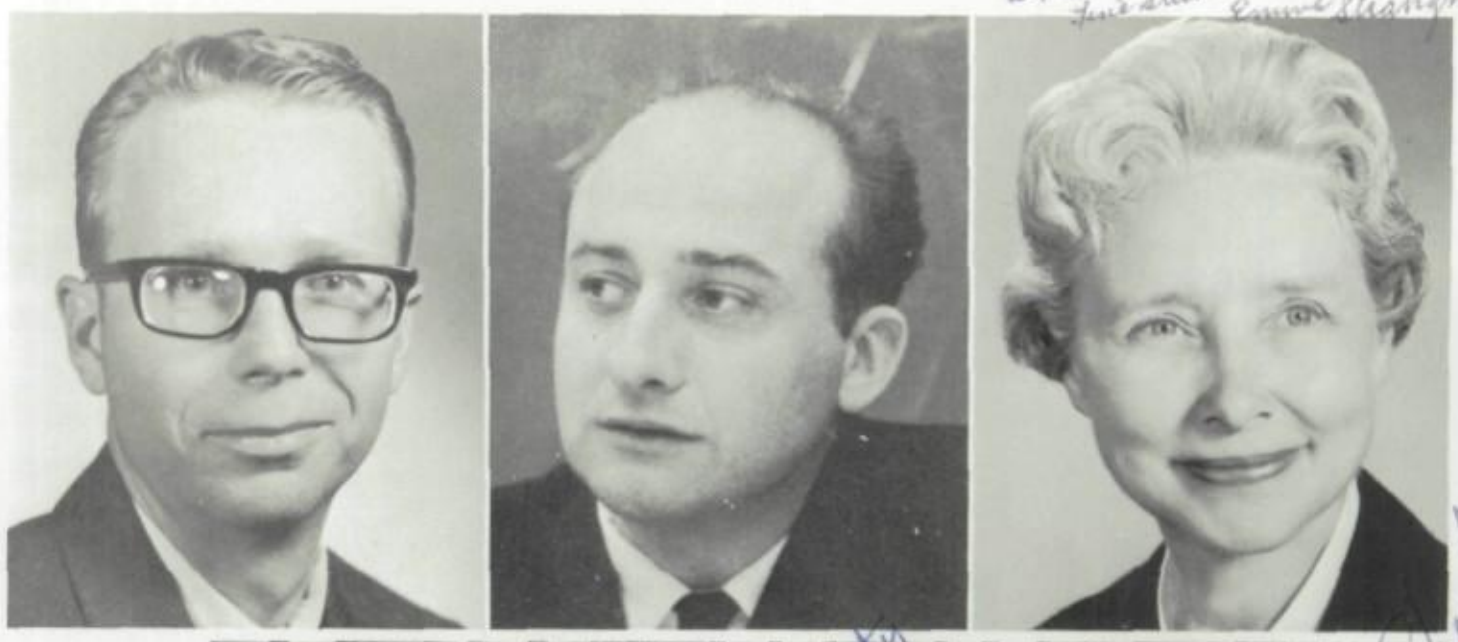
Glenn McMillan

Anamae Murray

Oscar Schnaidt

Chemistry student Mark Batson works on an experiment.

Mr. Danner
Mr. Spavachek
Mrs. Strangman



Madrigal singers: Tim Gilmore, Ken Witte, Lila Gates, Judy Brown, Carol Butler, Janice King, Patty Waller, and Janice Minor.

Head majorette, Melinda Hunt, played a major role in the band's great performances.

Music, Speech & Drama

Plays A Big Role In the TUHS Life

Many students participated in this past year's activities, which proved very successful. Giving of their time before and after school and at night, these students gained personal satisfaction for a year well done.

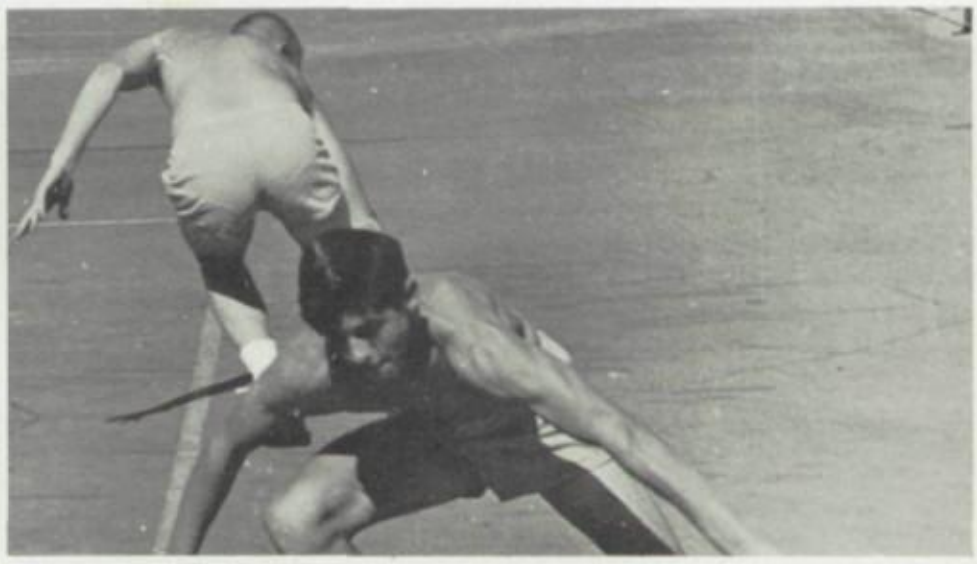
The music department saw many changes. Mr. Spavachek introduced new and varied types of arrangements to the football fans during half-time performances. The band was repeatedly commended on their over-all showing throughout the 1968-1969 school year.

Mr. Leland Robinson, new this year to Taft, showed great patience in orienting himself to our school system. In addition to teaching drama and speech, Mr. Robinson took on the task of directing the Jr., Sr. class plays. He was also advisor to the drama club.

Monty Reedy

Mickey Roling

Bertha Franke
Dean Johnson
Frances Madsen



Shuttle-run, anyone?

Physical Education

Wrestling Added at T. U. H. S.

The Physical Education Department of TUHS is primarily concerned with the physical fitness of its students. National fitness tests are given to each student twice a year to measure his progress during the course of the year.

A tremendous variety of sports are taught during the year in P.E. classes. A new addition this year in the boys' department will be wrestling, taught by a new member of the coaching staff, Mr. Joe Garrett. This year will be a practice year for Taft with hopes of entering SSL competition in wrestling next year. There were quite a few boys out for wrestling the first year and all most all of them will be returning next year.

Mr. Bob Hoffman, Department Head

Science

Expands Our Minds

Through the Science department students have the opportunity to expand their knowledge in several fields. During the year they discuss such topics as the physical properties of nature and the composition of matter. All sections of the science department utilize the most modern facilities.

Such courses as General Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics offered by the science department of Taft High lead the student to many areas of this field. One year of science is required for graduation and with such a variety of areas, the student is able to choose a course in which he is interested.

Mrs. Jesse Land, School Nurse.

Mr. John Mello, Department Head.

Alice Atwood

Dennis Carnes

John Simpson

Edwin Romuld

Roy Staley

Social Sciences

Helps Face Life

The members of the Social Science Departments work in unity to give the students an analysis of man's social life and an understanding of the societies of today and yesterday. The instructors strive to supply the students with an excellent background of knowledge and also important up-to-date material.

The first course in Social Science is taken in the Freshman year where the student is acquainted with world Geography. Juniors learn of the heritage of our nations in United States History. In U.S. Government, Seniors study the complexities of a democracy, and also study senior problems for help in facing life.

Three optional courses are offered in this department: world history; world affairs; and language seminar.

Taft High's department of social science is continually evaluating its procedures and making changes to keep up with the times. All members of the department are expected to follow the course of study as set up in the school's "Course Outlines" and to conduct themselves as professional at all times.

Mr. Franklin Youngborg, Department Head.

Michael Chupich
Bill Gamon
Dean Johnson
V. S. Kuckreja

Ron Matheson
Floyd Rittenhouse
Abraham L. Trop

P.E. STAFF H. Shugart, J. Patterson, J. White, T. O'Brien.

MAINTENANCE J. Adams, D. Garratt, R. Cook, E. Cox, E. Horn, D. Huey, B. Smith, C. Chandler, C. Eppler, R. Freeman, B. Miller, A. Woolsey, N. Larghten.

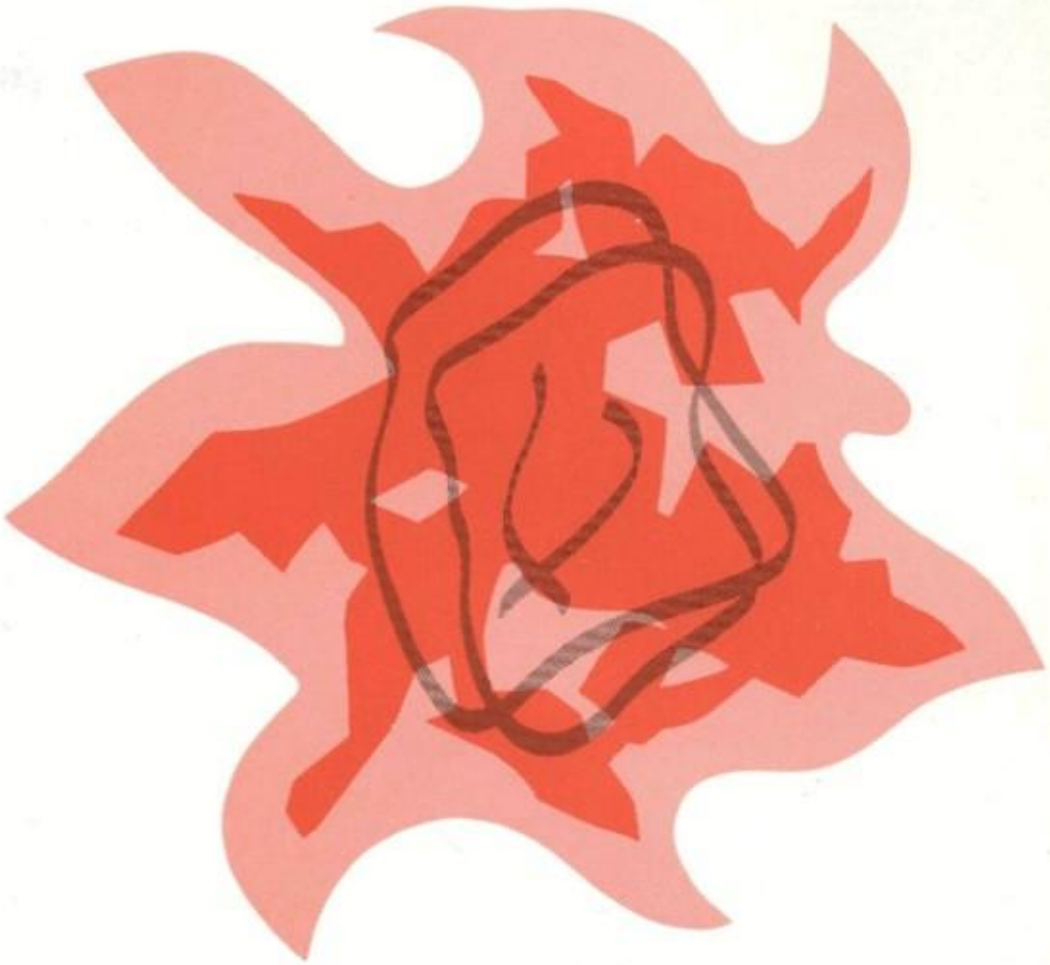
CAFETERIA STAFF L. Miller, M. Hickle, C. Zak, D. Lyons, L. Blackmore, T. Earley, M. Wildharber, M. Gardner.

BUS DRIVERS R. Keys, L. Ballengee, G. Garner, N. Bonner, E. Horn, J. Cramer, D. Huey.

Work Behind The Scenes To Keep T. U. H. S. A Functioning Unit

SECRETARIES B. Sweet, M. Ezell, J. Morgan, B. Tanner, A. Sellman, L. Milford, P. Hook.

BUSINESS OFFICE M. Steinmetz, M. Karnes, V. Duvall, E. Caughey, D. Hitchcock.



Kathy
Well we made it through
Simpson's Class. We had
fun this year. Next year
we'll be seniors. Good luck

Gerry
'71

Classes

Outstanding Seniors

Faculty Makes Good Selections

The method of selecting the Outstanding Seniors remained as it was last year. That is, each teacher was asked to nominate up to three senior students whom they considered outstanding as a result of working closely with them. There were many students who were nominated more than once, and several who were nominated by several different teachers. However, the DERRICK staff decided to picture each recipient as equal, regardless of the number of times their names appeared on the voting sheets.

A form was sent out to the teachers and members of the administration asking them to select the Outstanding Seniors on the following qualifications: conscientious, capable, personable, leadership ability, school service, participation in school activities, and scholarship. These fine qualities were found in 26 of the seniors, whose pictures are found on these two adjoining pages.

From the remarks of the faculty and administration, it is easy to conclude that these 26 senior students will probably find the world easier to handle, and that they will most likely find success in the future.

Cheryl Almgren

Mark Batson

Marlene Brannon
Carol Bulter

Andy Burnham
Steve Cairns

Kathy DeClue

Janet Downing

Ann Fritzie

Connie Gaither

Stan Hamlin
Peggy LaBrut
Kay Petrey

Oleta Kaldenberg
Virginia Lyne
Patricia Ransom

Harlan Keller
Louise Morris
Judy Seppi

Ken Kintsel
Paul O'Brien
Wendy Seppi

David Thacher

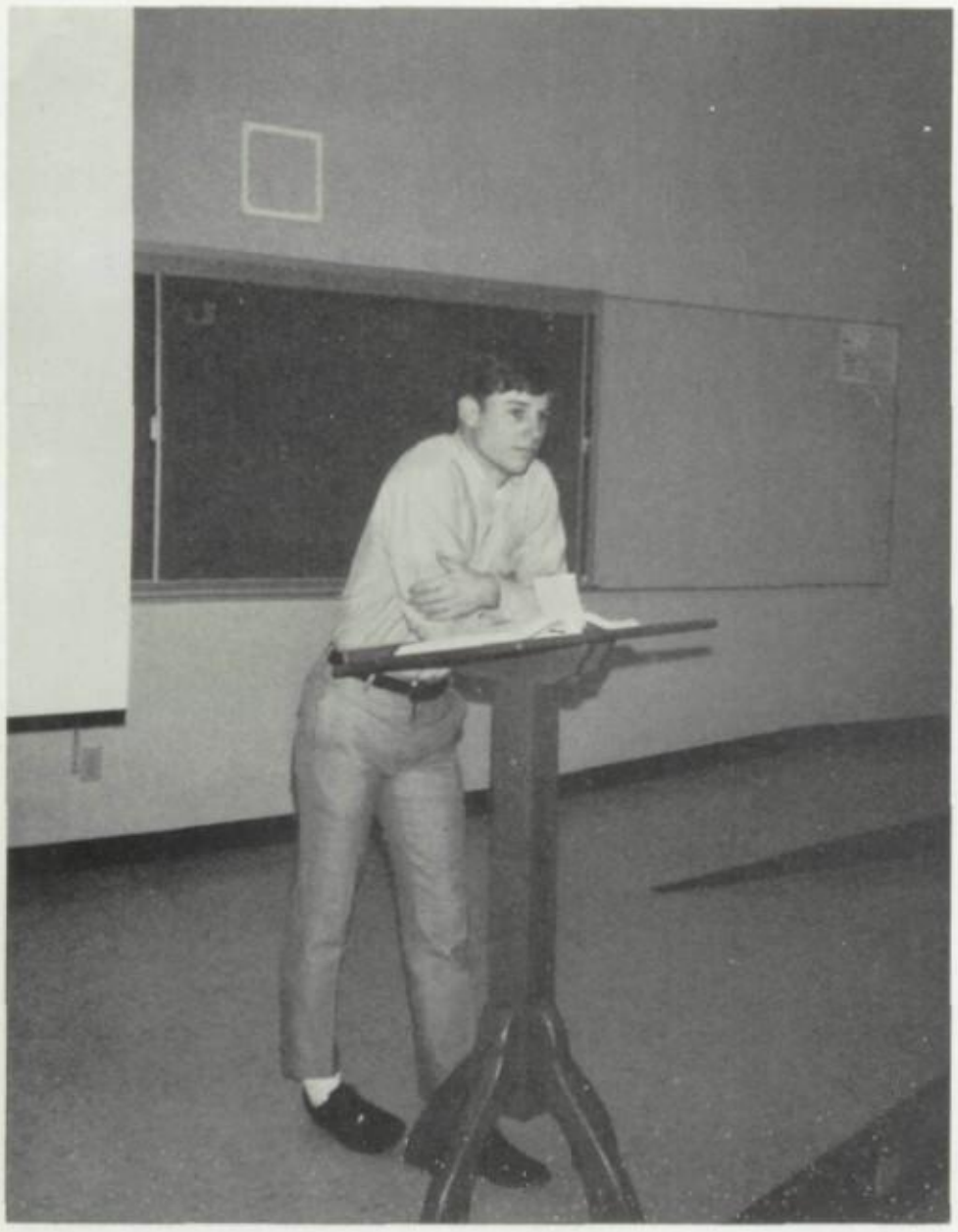
Ann Walker

Patty Waller

Yvonne Weston

Boys' and Girls' State

Showed Hope For Country's Future



Dave Thacher, Boys' State representative

Wendy Seppi, Girls' State representative

Dave Thacher

"This past summer 850 boys gathered in Sacramento for the 1968 Boys State Session. We were there to set up our own governments and express to the people of our country what we, the youth of America thought about the way our governments should be run. We spent a week electing officers, planning programs and discussing problems of our world of today.

We accomplished much in our weeks stay; to a final conclusion that racial problems and crime were the most important and most urgent problems in our country today. We at Boys State with a population of about 10% negros, 15% orientals, and 75% caucasions, showed our country how it is possible to live together in peace and brotherhood, and accomplish **together.**

I enjoyed my stay at Boys State very much. This visit gave me a strong hope for the future of our country and the world."

Wendy Seppi

"Girls' State is sponsored each year by the American Legion Auxiliary. It is a program to educate girls on government at the city, county, and state levels and to promote Americanism.

Although there is instruction with manuals and lectures; the participation in actual campaigns and elections, the use of parliamentary procedure, and the passing and enforcing of legislation are the real teaching tools.

I will always remember my wonderful experience as a California Girls' Stater, especially the warm friendship of all types of girls. Highlights of the stay were passing laws as State Senator and meeting Governor Ronald Reagan."

Sealbearers

Excellent Students Prove Credits To All

With the first semester of school completed, eight of the Class of 1969 have already achieved the honor of sealbearer. Sealbearers are students who have been members of the California Scholarship Federation for four semesters during their sophomore, junior, and senior years, with at least one semester in their senior year. To qualify for the California Scholarship Federation, a student must have at least three A's and one B out of five grades, excluding physical education.

It is truly a well-deserved honor. Only the students that have worked hard to keep their grades high all four years have received this award. Less than five percent of the senior class qualify as a sealbearer. This year an exceptionally high number of students have attained this award. The class of '69 showed itself to be a very intelligent one. The whole class should be proud of our Sealbearers. They are a credit to themselves, Taft High, and the community. They are awarded with a gold seal on their graduation diploma.

Cheryl Almgren

Steve Cairns

Sandra Essary

Virginia Lyne

Patricia Ransom

Judy Seppi

Wendy Seppi

Jerry Work

Senior class officers are from left to right: Ann Walker, Chris Beebe, Julie McKamie, Connie Gaither, Ed Frank, Dave Gathings, Cindy Rhoten, Cheryl Almgren, Peggy LaBrut, Mike Young, Louise Morris.

Ruling Class Carries Out Ingenious Idea

The ruling class of seniors have been one of the most important and influential classes in TUHS history. Developed by several seniors and Mr. William Kelley, Assistant Principal, was the Senior Sounding Board. All senior social groups were represented, and different problems of students and teachers were "hashed" over. A compromise was usually the satisfying answer to the problems brought to the Sounding Board.

Fund-making projects this year were the Senior Class Play and the selling of buttons with class numbers painted on them. These proceeds went towards the senior gift to the school and the annual class party.

Working with the senior class was Mr. Stan Barrett, the class advisor.

Senior class officers for first semester were as follows:
President—Dave Gathings
Vice President—Ed Frank
Secretary—Connie Gaither
Treasurer—Julie McKamie
Social Director—Chris Beebe
ICC Rep.—Mike Young
Exec. Council Rep.—Peg LaBrut
Historian—Ann Walker

Officers for second semester were as follows:
President—Cindy Rhoten
Vice President—Marie Brink
Secretary—Cheryl Almgren
Treasurer—Richard Kozloski
Social Director—Tricia Ransom
ICC Rep.—Louise Morris
Exec. Council Rep.—Peg LaBrut

DAVID ADAMS — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Block T.

CONNIE ADAMS — Girls' League 1-4.

STEPHEN ADDIS — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

LINDA ALLDREDGE — Girls' League 1-4; Future Nurses 1; G.A.A. 1-2.

CHERYL ALMGREN — Girls' League 1-4; Art Club 1-2; Spanish Club 2; CSF 2,3,4; AFS 4; Gusher 3; Front Page Editor 3; Derrick 4; Asst. Editor 4; Sealbearer.

VICKIE AMMERAAL — Girls' League 1-4; FTA 2; Usherettes 1-2; G.A.A. 2.

CHERYL ANDERSON — Girls' League 1-4; Gourmet Club.

CAROLYN ARMSTRONG — Girls League 1-4; Les Salutaries 1-2; Treas. 2.

RICHARD ARMSTRONG — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

BRUCE ARNDT — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Craftmans Club.

DAN BAKER — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

DAVID BALLARD — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

DAVID BARNES — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Senior Sounding Board 4.

LINDA BARNES — Girls' League 1-4; Future Nurses 1-4.

Senior boys Robert Shuck, Bob Beyn, Mike Daniel, Steve Hauchin, and Mick Young "surf" in Taft High Lake.

MARK BATSON — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Rep. 1,2; Class Pres., 3; French Club 1; Spanish Club 2; Varsity Club 2,3, 4; Drama Club 3; Junior Class Play 3; Football 1-4; Most Insp. 3,4; Most Imp. 2; Most Val. 3; Captain 4; Most Outstanding Wildcat 4; Basketball 1-2; Track 1-4; Most Val. 1,2; Most Ins. 3; Captain 3; ASB Vice-Pres. 4.

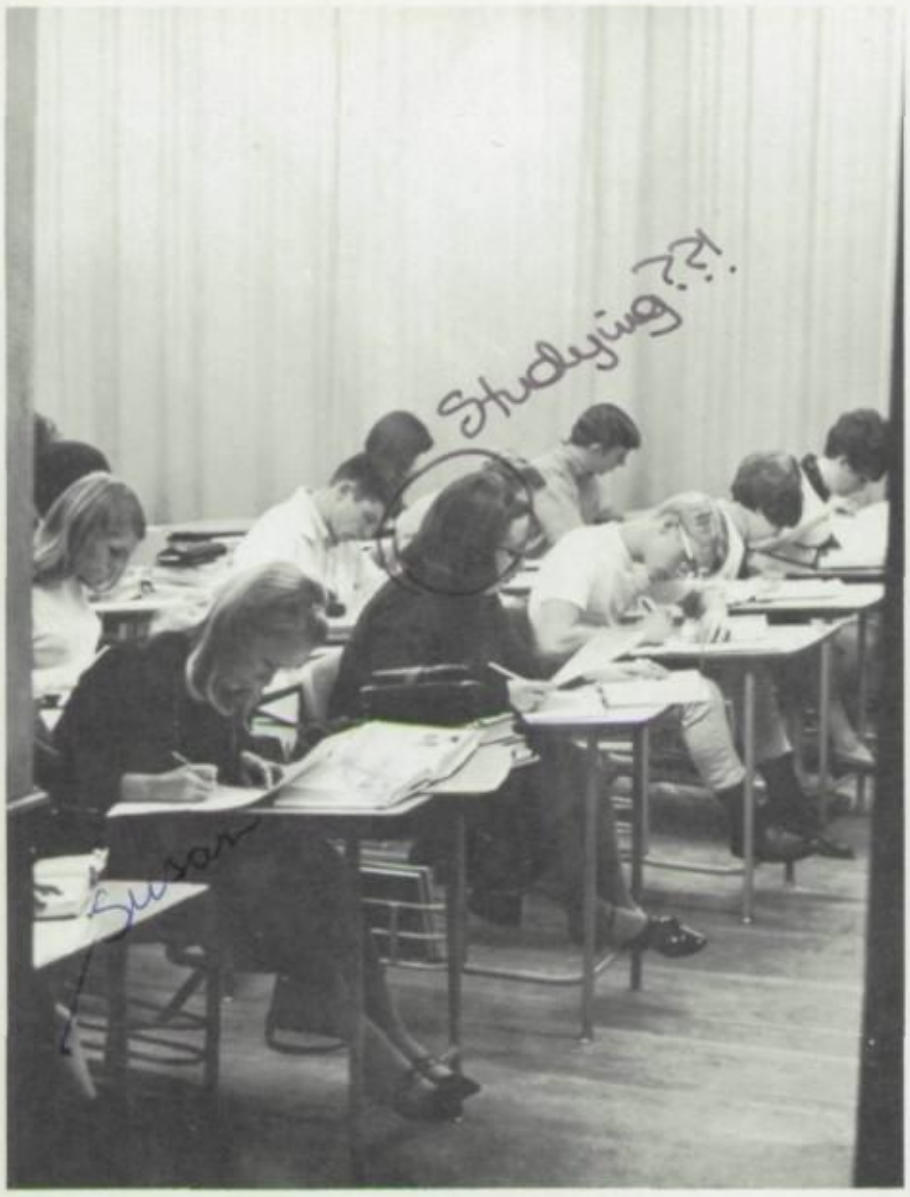
STEPHEN BAZZELL — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

JACK BECKER — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Golf 3.

CHRIS BEEBE — Girls League 1-4; Les Salutaries 2,3; Class Social Chairman 4; G.A.A. 1-4; Sports Head 4; Art Club 2,3; Cheerleader 3,4; Head 4.

CARL BERNITZ — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

BOB BEYN — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Senior Sounding Board 4; Spanish Club; Block T 1-4; Drama Club; Spring Fling 3; Inter-Club Council 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Most Ins. 4; Baseball 1-4; Football 3; Derrick Staff 4; Miss Spirit 4.



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TERRY BILBEY — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Track 1-4.

KEN BOULTON — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Drama Club 4; Football 3.

JANICE BOYCE — Girls' League 1-4.

MARLENE BRANNON — Girls' League 1-4; Spanish Club 1-4; CSF 3; AFS 2,3,4; Band 1-4; Outstanding 2; Orchestra 1-4; Tri-M 2,3,4; College Pep Band 2,3,4; Studio Band 1-4; Community Orchestra 2-4; Band Librarian 2-4; Pep Band Co-Director 4.

TRACY BRIGHT — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

MARIE BRINK — Girls' League 4; AFS. 4.

JACQUELINE BROWN—Girls' League 3-4; French Club 3-4; Pres. 4, Spanish Club 3-4; Vice-Pres. 3; FTA 3-4; Vice-Pres. 4; G.A.A. 3-4; C.S.F. 3-4.

STEVE BROWN — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Drama Club 2,3,4; Spring Fling 3; Junior Class Play 2; Block T 2,3,4.

TINA BROWN — Girls' League 1-4; Drama Club 1-4; Art Club 1-4; FTA 3-4; French Club 2; Senior Class Play 2-3; Junior Class Play 1-3; Spring Fling 1-3; Achievement Award for Newsweek 3.

LARRY BULLARD — Boys' Fed. 4.

JUDITH BUNCH — Girls' League.

ANDREW BURNHAM — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Vice Pres. 4; Rep. 1; Class Pres. 1; Vice-Pres. 2; Treas. 2; Treas. 3; ICC Rep. 3; Athletics Comm. 4.

HELEN BUSH — Girls' League 1-4; Class Sec. 1; Vice-Pres. 2; Rep. to Exec. Council 1; ICC Rep. 2; Les Salutaries 1-4; Hist. 1; Spanish Club 1-2; Sgt. of Arms 1; Future Nurses 1-2; G.A.A. 1-3; ICC 1-2; Awards Comm. 3; Freshman Princess of Christmas Ball 1.

CAROL BUTLER — Girls' League 1-4; FTA 4; Sec. 4; Modern Music Masters Club 1-4; Treas. 3; Madrigals 1-4.

STAN BUTTKE — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

STEVE CARINS — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Latin Club 1-3; CSF 2,3,4; Pres. 4; Tri-M 2,3,4; Band 1-4; Concert Band 1-4; Honor Band 1-4; Studio Band 3,4; Pep Band 3-4; Foreign Study League 4.

MARY CALBERT — Girls' League 1-4; Treas. 3; Les Salutaries 1-3; Vice Pres. 2; Pres. 2; Future Nurses 2; Spanish Club 2; CSF 2; G.A.A. 1-4; Rep. 1; Class Vice-Pres. 2; Rep. to Ex. Council 2; Swimming 2,3,4; Rally Comm. 2.

JUDY CARLTON — Girls' League 1-4; Les Salutaries 2; G.A.A. 2; Drama Club 3; Tennis Team 1; Gusher Staff 4.

RONALD CARROLL—Boys' Fed. 1-4; Key Club 1,2; Block T 2,3,4; Football 1-4; Cap. & Most Ins. 4; Basketball 2,3,4, Most Ins. 3; Baseball 1; Swimming 2; Track 3.

CAROL CAYLOR — Girls' League 1-4; Madrigals 1,2,3; Kern County Honor Chorus 2,3.

RON CHAPMAN — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Tri-M 4; Hist. 4; Band 2,3,4; Rep. 2; ICC Rep. 4; Concert Band 2,3,4; Pep 4; Band Council 2,4.

CINDY CLAUSEN — Girls' League; Future Nurses 1; G.A.9. 1,2; Class Rep. to Ex Council 1; Girls' Chorus 1.

CHERYL COLE — Girls' League 1-4.

LAURA CONGER — Girls' League 4.

DANNA COOK — Girls' League 1-4; Les Salutaries 1-3; Future Nurses 3; G.A.A. 1-3; GLS 3.

MARLENE COOK — Girls' League 1-4; Les Salutaries 1-4; Pres. 2; Future Nurses 1-4; Treas. 2; U.P. 4; Art Club 3,4; C.S.F. 2,4; G.A.A. 1-3; Sec. 3; Derrick 4; Class Editor 4; Rep. to ICC 4; Drama Club 4; ICC 4; Sec. 4; Spanish Club 1; Cheerleader 3,4; Homecoming Princess 4.

Seniors Were Leaders

Kris Hall is overly enthused during a play practice.

Marlene Brannon, Susan Pesante, Oleta Kaldenberg, Steve Brown, and Ken White try doing some work.

Varsity Cheerleaders pose for another picture.

Steve Denesha and Vicki Ammeraal listen during class discussion.

Class of 69 was fine

SANDY COOK — Girls' League 1-4; G.A.A. 1; Art Club 4.

JEFF COOPER — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Golf 3.

VICKIE COOPER — Girls' League 1-4; G.A.A. 1; Les Salutaries 2; Future Nurses 2,3.

KATHY COPELAND — Girls' League 1-4; Usherettes 1-4; Modern Music Masters 3-4; Treas. 4; Girls Glee 1; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4; Honor Chorus 3.

JANICE CRAMER — Girls' League 1-4; Girls' Glee.

JERRY DABBS — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Track 2,3; Football 2.

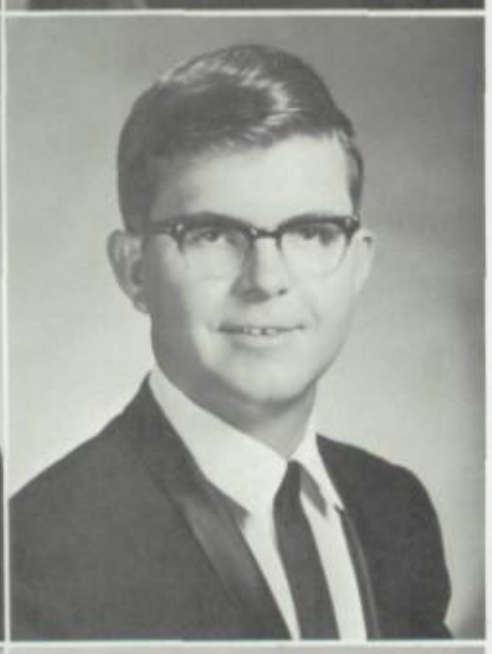
MARK DAILY — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Block T 1.

MIKE DANIEL — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Drama Club 4; French Club 2; Madrigals 1,2; Varsity Club 4; Football 1; Basketball 1-4; Tennis 1-2; Track 1-4; Class Treas. 2.

LINDA DAVIDSON — Girls' League 1-4; Gourmet Club 4.

ELAINE DAVIS — Girls' League 1-4; Spanish Club 3; Art Club 4; Les Salutaries 3,4; G.A.A. 3.

ROBERT DAVIS — Boys' Fed. 1-4; Drama Club 4; Block T 3,4; Junior Class Play 4; Football 1-3; Track 1,2,3.



WAYNE DAVIS — Boys' Fed. 1-4.

KATHY DeCLUE — Girls' League 1-4; Treas. 4; Spanish Club 1; Art Club 1,2,3; V. Pres. 3; G.L.S. 2; *Gusher Staff* 2; *Rally Commissioner* 2,3; CSF 2,3,4; Ex. Council 3,4; Rep. 4; Derrick 2,4; Club Editor 4; G.A.A. 1-4; Treas. 2; Sports Head 3,4; Senior Sounding Board 4; Derrick; ICC Rep. 4.

DOLORES DEVINE — G. L. 1-4.

TERRY DEVINE — BF. 1-4; Madrigal Singers 3.

JANET DOWNING—G.L. 1-4; Treas. 2; Sen. Rep. 4; Art Club 1; GLS 2; AFS 3,4; French Club 3,4; Treas. 3; Class Sec. 2; ICC Rep. 3; Rep to Ex. *Council 4; Tennis Team* 1-4.

JOYCE EASLEY — G.L. 1-4; Girls' Glee.

BARBARA EGBERT — G.L. 1-4; Art Club 1-4; G.A.A. 1-2; Spanish Club 3,4; AFS 3.

BECKY ELLIS — G.L. 1-4.

MARK ELLIS — B.F. 1-4; Drama Club 2.

Juliet, Cindy Rhoten, calls for her Romeo.

SANDRA ESSARY — G.L. 1-4; CSF 1-3; Spanish Club 2,3; FTA 4, Pres. 4; Gusher 4, 2nd page.editor 4; Jr. Class Play 2, Sr. Class Play 3.

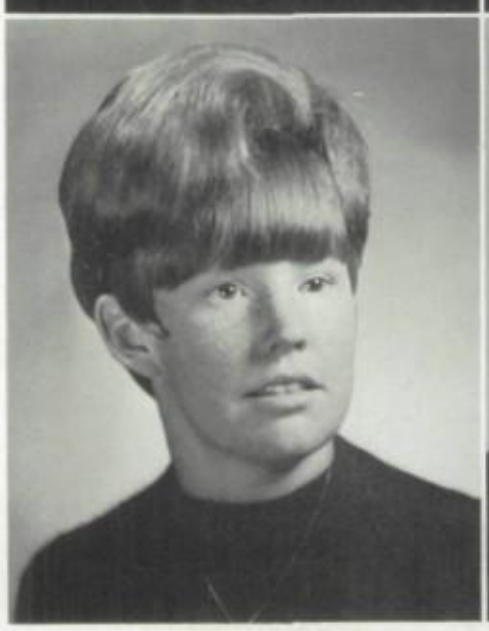
BOB EVANS — B.F. 1-4; Golf 2,3,4.

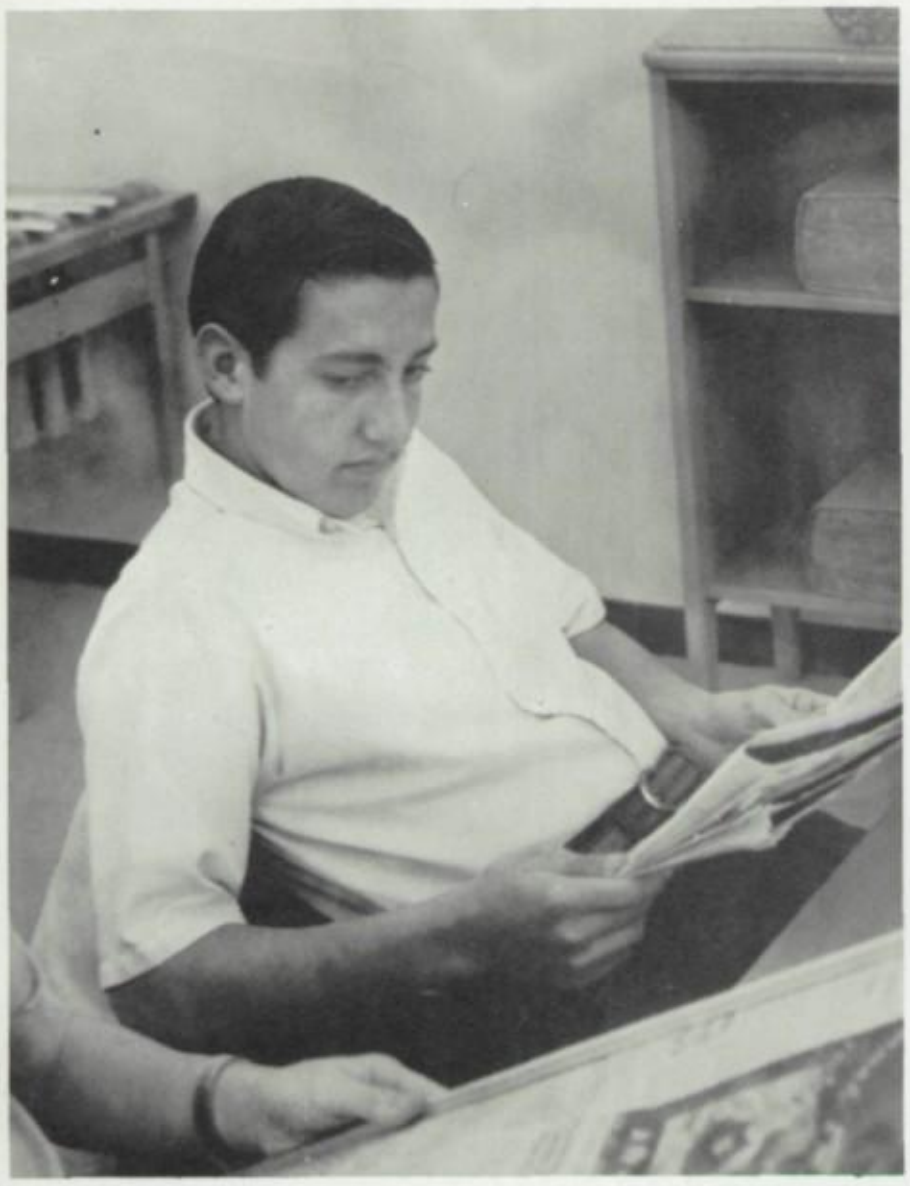
MARSHA EVANS — G.L. 1-4; Art Club 2,3,4; FTA 3, Treas., 3; GLS 3,4; Orchestra 1; G.A.A. 1-4; Sportshead 3, V.Pres. 4.

JACKIE EVELAND — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses Club 1-4.

RONALD EAGAN — B.F.

TERESA FANSHIER — G.L. 1-4; Art Club 1; G.A.A. 1; CSF 1,2; French Club 3.





Daryl Smith reads the newspaper in the Library.

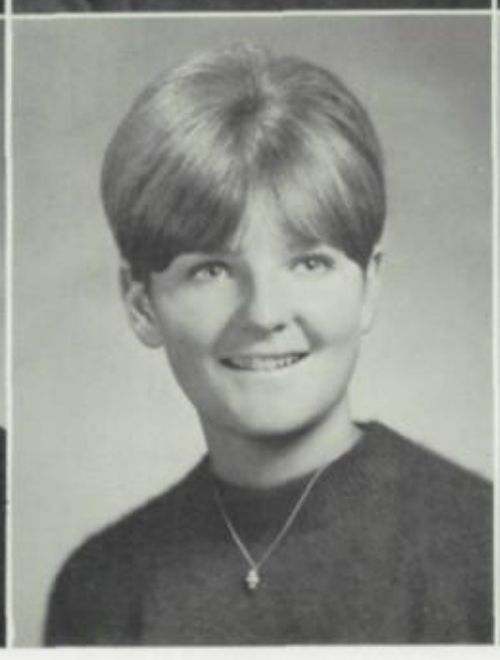
DONNA FITCH — G.L. 1-4; Art Club 3; Les Salutaries 1,2; Class Sec. 1; Jr. Class Play 1.

EDWARD FRANK — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Class Treas. 3, V.Pres. 4; Football 1-4, Capt. 1; Track 3,4.

EVA FRANKE — G.L. 1-4.

ANN FRITZIE — G.L. 1-4, Sec. 3; Gourmet Club 1,2, V.Pres. 1, Sec. 2; Spanish Club 2,3; Usherettes 1; Class V.Pres. 1, Pres. 2; Rally Comm. 3; Commissioner of Activities 3, Clubs & Org. 4; Tennis Team 1-4; G.A.A. 1,2,4; GLS 2; Princess of Christmas Ball 3, Homecoming Queen 4; Seal-Bearer.

SHARON FULKERSON — G.L. 1-4; Usherettes 1; Future Nurses 2-4, Sec. 4; G.A.A. 1-4; Band 2-4; Orchestra 2.



FRED FULLER — B.F. 1-4; Track 2-4; Band 1-4, Pres. 4; College Pep Band 2-4; Studio Band 2; Orchestra 1.

CONNIE GAITHER — G.L. 1-4, Les Salutaries 1,2, Sec. 1; Art Club 3; GLS 2; Spanish 1; Cheerleader 4; Homecoming Prin. 4; Senior Sounding Board 4; G.A.A. Sporthead 2,3, Historian 2, Pres. 4; Class Sec. 4.

JOHN GARLAND—B.F. 1-4.

DAVID GATHINGS — B.F. 1-4; Block T; Class Pres. 4; Varsity Club, 1-4, Pres. 4; Basketball 1-4, Most Imp. 1, Captain 2; Cross Country 1-4, Most Val. 1,2, Most Insp. 1,2,3,4, Captain 2,4.

LEONARD GEISSELL—B.F. 1-4.

DEBRA GILBREATH — G.L. 1-4; Les Salutaries 1; G.A.A. 1-3, Frosh Rep. 1.

MARY GOCKEL — G.L. 4.

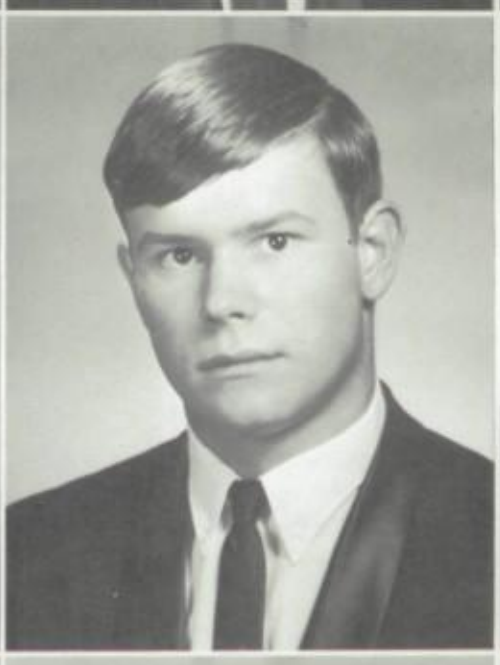
GEORGE GOFF — B.F. 1-4; Latin Club 4; Block T 4; Cross Country 4.

JUDY GRAGG — G.L. 4.

ROBERT GRATHAM — B.F. 1-4; Class Rep. to Ex. Council 3; Block T 1-4, V.P. 4; Varsity Club 3,4; Executive Council 3; Spanish Club 2.

GARY GRIFFIN — B.F. 3,4; Tennis 4; Golf 4.

DAVID HAINES — B.F. 1-4.



JACKIE HALE — B.F. 1-4.

DOUGLAS HALL — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1,2; Cross Country 1,2; Track 1,2.

KRIS HALL — G.L. 1-4; Les Salutaries 1-4, Hist. 2, Pres. 4; G.A.A. 2,3,4; Drama Club 1,2, ICC Rep. 3; Rally Commission 4, Wally 4; Spring Fling 3; Jr. Class Play 2,4; Sr. Class Play 3,4; Senior Sounding Board.

STEVE HALL — B.F. 1-4; Track 4; Football 2,3; Swimming 1.

JENNY HALSLETINE — G.L. 1-4, Rep. 3; Latin Club; Swimming; Spanish Club; C.S.F. 1-3; Class Rep. 2.

STAN HAMLIN — B.F. 1-4, Rep. 2, Sec. 3, Pres. 4; Block T 1-4; Football 1-4, All-League 4; Basketball 3, Most Imp.; Baseball 1-4.

SHELIA HAMMONS — G.L. 1-4, Honor Chorus, Madrigals.

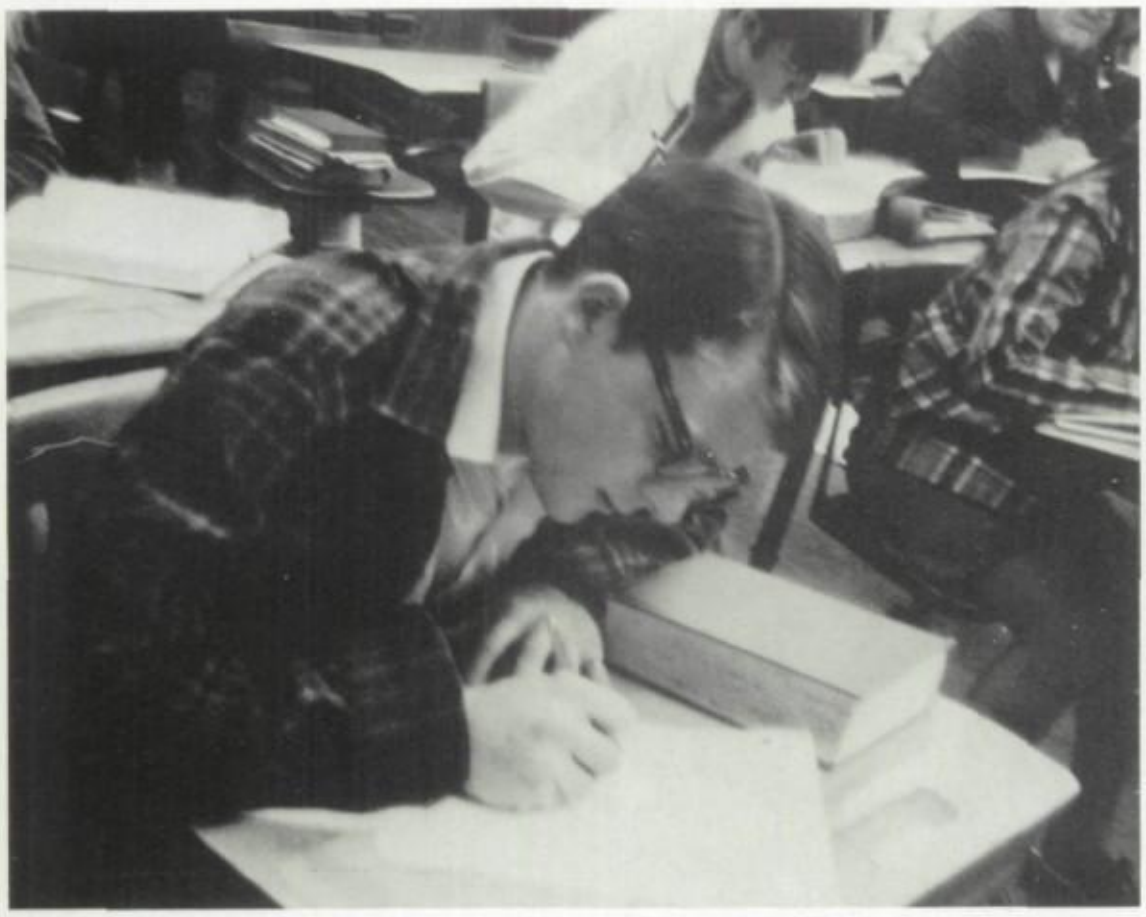
BEVERLY HANEY — G.L. 1-4; Girls' Glee.

DOYLE HAYNES — B.F. 1-4; Football 1,2; Baseball 1,2.

Seniors Studied?

David Johnson pauses during Study Hall.

Steve Brown (helps?) a friend in English.



Mike Young studies in Bob Beyn's and Kathy DeClue's English class.

A senior P.E. class in action.

69'ers were active

TERESA HEAPS — G.L. 4; Future Nurses 4.

JAN HENDRICKS — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1; AFS 3; Drama Club 4; Madrigal Singers 2; Mixed Chorus 1,2; Gusher Staff 3-4, 4th page editor 3, 1st page editor 4; Junior Class Play 3,4.

CHARLES HIBBARD — B.F. 1-4; Key Club 3,4, V.P. 4; Craftsmen Club 3,4, Pres. 4; Football 1-4; Basketball 2,3; Baseball 1-4.

DENNIS HILL — B.F. 1-4.

LINDA HOFF — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A 1-4.

RONALD HOLLAND — B.F. 1-4. Craftsmen Club 3,4.

MICHAEL HOLLEY — 1-4.

MIKE HOLLINGSWORTH — B.F. 1-4; CSF 1-4, V.P. 4; Seal-Bearer.

DANNY HORN — B.F. 1-4.

LARRY HOOKER — B.F. 1-4; Drama Club 1; Cross Country 1,2,3; Most Imp. Track 1,2,3.

TERRY HORN — B.F. 1-4; Block T 2-4; Basketball 2,3.

STEVEN HOUCHIN — B.F. 1-4; Drama Club 1-3; Block T 2-4; ICC 2; Senior Sounding Board; Football 1-3; Basketball 2,3; Track 1,3,4.

DAVID HOUSE — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Football 1-4, All-League 4.

BILL HOWARD — B.F. 1-4; Baseball 1-3.

JILL HUMES — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-4; Future Teachers 1-4. Art Club 1.

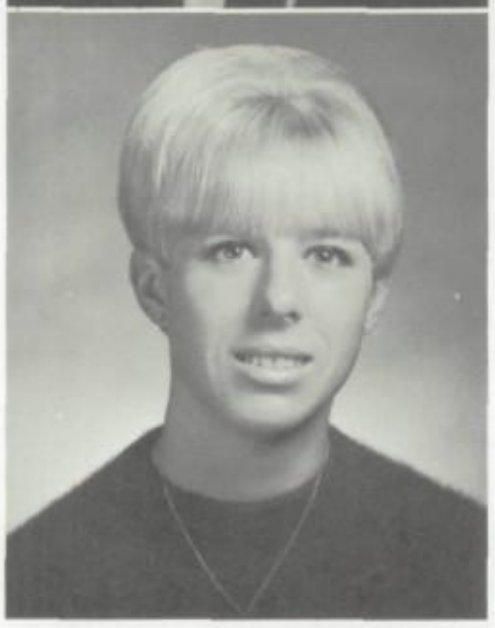
GORDON ISBELL — B.F. 1-4; Golf 1,2,3.

IRIS JACKSON — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses Treas. 3—2,3; G.A.A. 1.

SHERRY JACOBS—G.L. 1-4, Pres. 4; Usherettes 1,2,3; Future Teachers 1, 2,4, V.P. 1, Treas. 1; Tri-M 1,2,4; ICC Rep. 4; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3; Rally Commission 4.

DAVID JOHNSON — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Drama Club 4; Football 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Baseball 1.

PAMELA JOHNSON—G.L. 1-4; Art Club, Les Salutaries 1; Future Nurses 2,3.



Jan Hendricks waits for play practice to begin.

PAULETTE JOHNSON — G.L. 1-4; Les Salutaries 3; Future Nurses 2; Gourmet 2; Art Club 1,2; G.A.A. 1; ICC 2.

FLOYD JORDON — B.F. 1-4; Block T 4; Football 1-4; Track 1,2,3, Physical Fitness Award 1,2,3.

PAM JORDON — G.L. 1-4; Spanish Club 3; Future Teachers Club 1,3,4.

OLETA KALDENBERG — G.L. 1-4, Sec. 4; Art Club 1,2, V.P. 2; Spanish Club 3, Sec. 3; Future Teachers 1,2,3; G.A.A. 1-4, Treas. 3, V.P. 4; Class Sec. 3; Gusher Staff 3, page editor 3; GLS 2; Rally Commission 3,4; Jr. Sr. Prom Princess 3.

HUB KANODE — B.F. 1-4; Swimming 1-4; Drama 4.

HARLAN KELLER — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4, Pres. 4; Craftsmen Club 4; Football 1-4; Baseball 1-4.

Chris Nelson types up a report.

GORDON KENNEDY — B.F. 1-4; Football 2; Basketball 2,3; Swimming 2.

JANET KILLINGSWORTH — G.L. 1-4, Rep. 3; Art Club 2,3, Sec. 2; 3— Treas.; Les Salutaries 2; Spanish Club 2,3; Class Social Chairman 3; G.A.A. 1-4, Sports H. 4.

KENNETH KINTSEL—B.F. 1-4; Spanish Club 3,4; AFS 4; Tri-M 3,4, V.P. 3; Madrigals 2,3,4; Coed Capers; 1,2,3; Varsity Review 1,2,3; Spring Fling 4; Choir 1-4, Pres. 3, V.P. 4.

KATHY KIRKPATRICK — G.L. 1-4; Drama Club 2; Gourmet 1-4, Pres. 4; Spanish 1,2; Usherettes 1; G.A.A. 1-4, Sports Head 4.

TERI KNOWLES — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-3; G.A.A. 1,2.

JAMES KOFAHL — B.F. 1-4.

RICHARD KOZLOSKI — B.F. 1-4; Drama Club 4; Baseball 1.

PEGGY LaBRUT — G.L. 1-4, Rep. 4; Future Teachers 1-4, Treas. 2, V.P. 2; Usherettes 1-4, V.P. 2, Pres. 3; ICC 2; Ex. Council 4; Class Officer 4; Rally.

DANA LAKE — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 3; Art Club 4; G.A.A. 1-4.

CARTER LANGDON — B.F. 1-4; A.F.S. 1-4; Drama Club 1,2; Senior Sounding Board 4; Jr. Class Play 1,2; Sr. Class Play 1,2; Runner-Up Lions Speech Contest 2.

ROBERT LeGAR — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Football 2,3, Captain 2; Track 1-4.

JOANNE LINDGREN — G.L. 1-4; Tri-M 4; ICC Rep. 4; Orchestra 1-4.

JUDY LINDSEY — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-3; Hist. 3.

SHARON LINDSEY — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1; FBLA 2.

GERRY LIVENGOOD — B.F. 1-4; Basketball 2,3.

VIRGINIA LYNE — G.L. 1-4, Treas. 3; ICC Rep. 4; CSF 1-4; A.F.S. 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Spanish Club 2,3,4; Future Teachers 2,3, Pres. 4; Modern Music Masters 2,3,4; Hist. 3; Business Manager of Derrick 4.

RICHARD MACIAS — B.F. 1-4; Key Club 1,2,3; Rep. of ICC 3; Block T 2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3.

HOLLIE MAC KINNON — G.L. 1-4; Les Salutaries 1; G.A.A. 1.

CHERYL MATHIS — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-4; Hist. 3.

DANIEL MATHIS — B.F. 1-4.

WINFIELD MAY — B.F. 1-4; Swimming 1.

DAVID McCARTHY — B.F. 1-4; Class Rep. 1, V.P. 2; Rep. to ICC 3; Football 2.

GERALDINE McCLAFLIN — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-4.

DIANE McCLARD — G.L. 4.

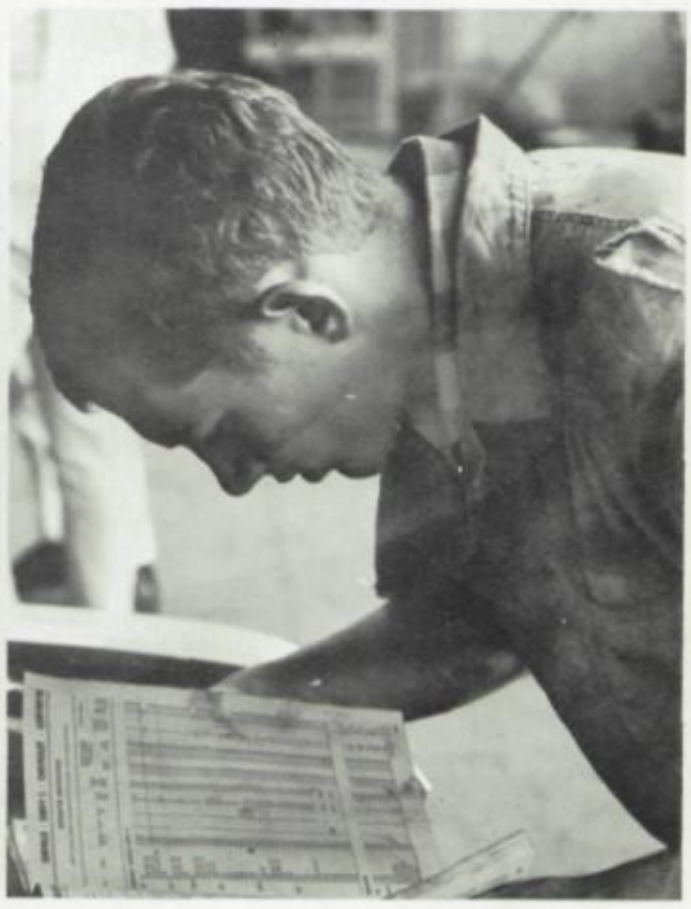
RICK McDONEL — B.F. 1-4; Track 1.

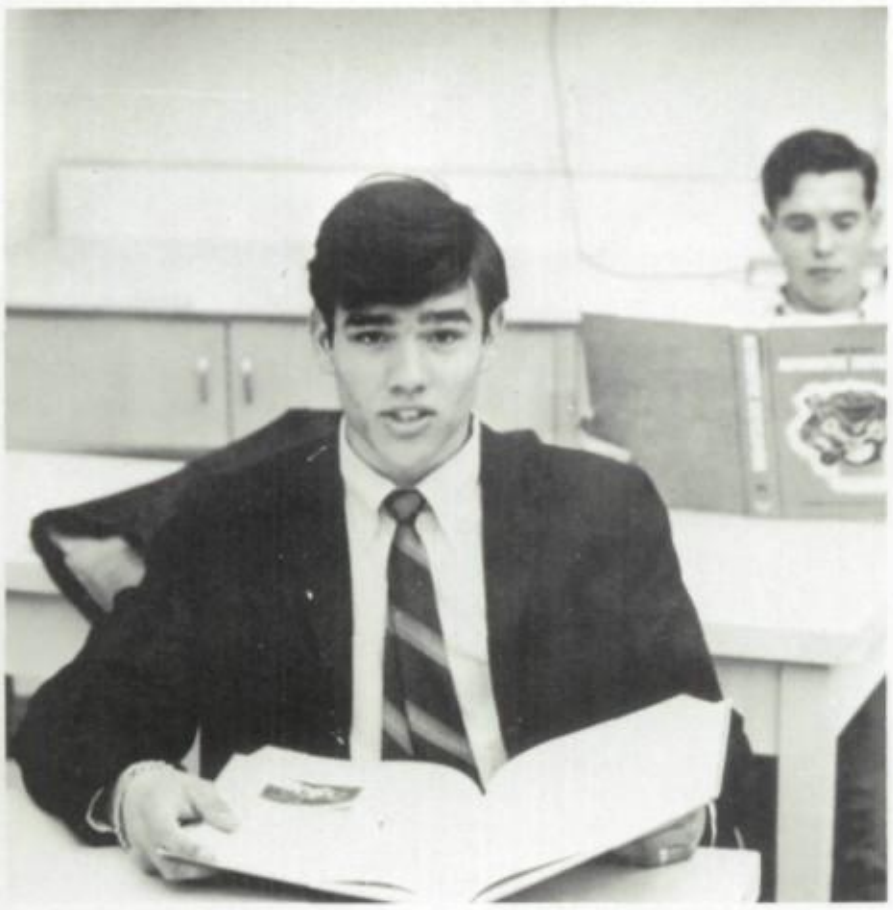
THOMAS McGHEE — B.F. 1-4; Football 3.

Seniors Ruled

Seniors order their announcements.

Terry Bilbey looks for a part in auto shop.





Benny Miller stops reading to have his picture taken.

Jim Petterson, Derrick photographer, takes time out to have his picture taken.

Class of 69 had class

JULIE McKAMIE — Girls League 1-4; G.L. Rep. 2; GAA 1-4; Rep. 2, Treas. 3, Sports Manager 3; Cinderella Ball Princess 2; Soph.-Treas.; Sen. Treas.

JAMIE McKAY — French Club 1; Boys Fed. 1,3,4; Block T 2,3,4; Junior Class Play 2,3; Craftsman Club 3; Derrick Staff 4, Asst. Sports Ed.-Photo.

SUSAN McKINNELL — Girls League 1-4; AFS 1,4, Sec. 3,4; Spanish Club; ICC Rep. 3; Future Teachers 3; Tri-M 3,4; Band Coun. 3,4; Con. Band 1-4; Pep Band 1-4; Orch. 3.

DOUGLAS MacLEAN — Boys' Fed. 4; Var. Basketball 4; Var. Track 4.

CONNIE (MEEKS) EVANS — Girls League 1-4; GAA 1-4; Future Nurses.

DAVID MELO — Boys Fed; Senior Sounding Board.

BENNY MILLER — Boys Fed. 1-4; Football 3,4.

DAN MILLER — Boys Fed. 1-4.

DONNA MILLER — Girls League.

JEFF MILLER — Boys Fed. 1-4; Craftsmen Club 3,4; Modern Music Masters 4; Band 3,4.

JANIS MINOR — Girls League 1-4; GAA 1-4; Tri-M; CSF; Usherettes; Rally Commission.

DAN MITCHELL — Boys Fed. 1-4; Football 1-3; Track 2,3,4; Block T Treas. 3.

LINDA MITCHELL — Girls League 1-4.

LARRY MOBLEY — Boys Fed. 1-4.

TIM MONCIER — Boys Fed. 1-4; Spanish Club 1,2,3; Key Club 2,3; Block T 1-3; Varsity Club 4; Football 1-4; Basketball 1-3; Track 1-4; Block T V.P. 2,3; Soph. Treas.

MIKE MOORE — Boys Fed. 1-4.

GREG MORRIS — Boys Fed. 1-4.

LOUISE MORRIS — Girls League 2-4; Les Salutaries 2-4, Sec. 2, V.P. 3; GAA 2,3, Sports Head, V.P. 3, Sec. 4; Drama Club 4; Art Club 3-4; Inter-Club Coun. 3-4; FBLA 3; Derrick Editor 4; Girls League Sec. 3, Pres. 4; Head B Cheerleader; Var. Cheerleader; Cinderella Ball Queen 3; Homecoming Princess 4; Senior Sounding Board; Transfer from North High 2; Class V.P. 3; ICC Rep 4; ICC Sec. 4.

PAULA MORSE — G.L. 1-4; GAA 1-4.

EARLENE NAPOLEAN — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses; Drama Club; Spanish Club; Girls Glee; Mixed Chorus; Jr. Class Play; Coed Capers.

Richard Spence looks up someones schedule.

TONY NEHUS — B.F. 1-4.

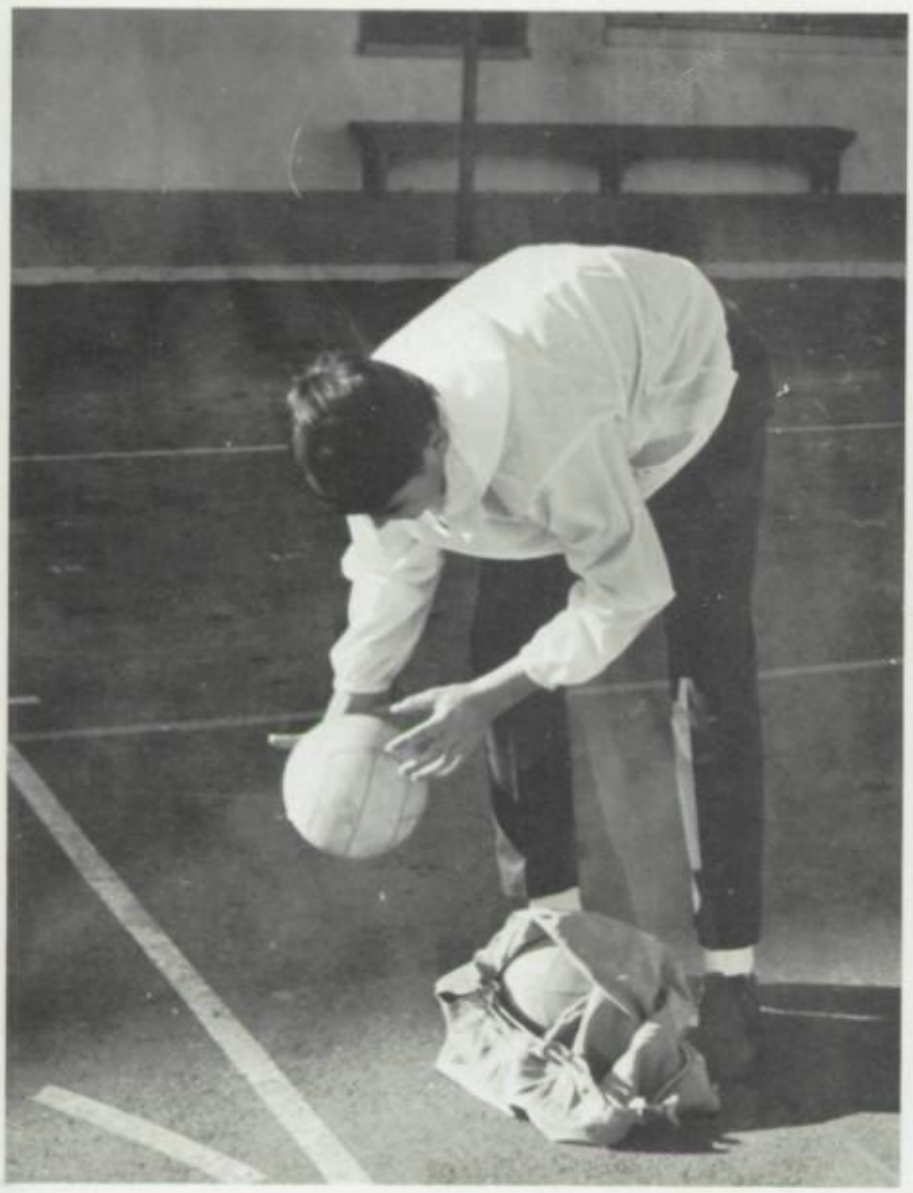
CHRIS NELSON — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4; G.L.S. 2; Art Club 4; Future Teachers Club 4.

JANELL NELSON — G.L. 3-4; GAA 3-4.

COLLEEN NICHOLS — G.L. 1-4; Nurses Club 1.

LORETTA NOEL — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1,2; Nurses Club 2,3.

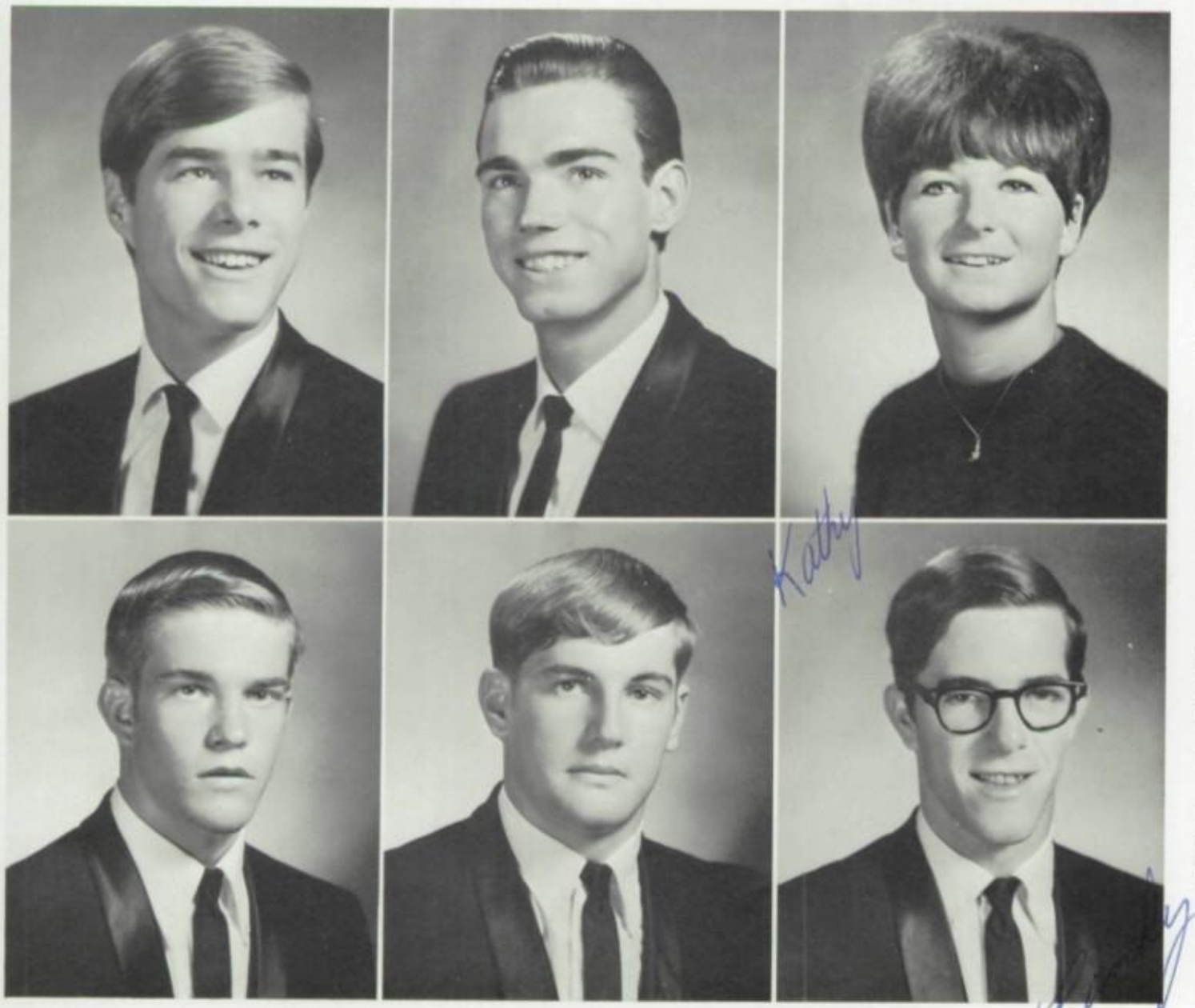
DEBORAH OAKES — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses Club 1-4; Glee Club.



Bob Evans helps out in P.E.

PAUL O'BRIEN — B.F. 1-4; Latin Club 1-4; Tennis 3,4.

JIM OLSON — B.F. 1-4; Block T 2,3,4; Key Club 1.



ED O'NEAL — B.F. 1-4.

KENNETH OSBORNE — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1,2,3; Baseball 4; Track 1,2,3.

SHEILA PARKER — G.L. 3,4.

DICK PARROT — B.F. 1-4; Band 1-4; Tri-M 3,4, Pres. 4; Football 3; Basketball 3; Golf 1-4, Most Imp. 2.

KENT PARTAIN — B.F. 1-4.

RANDY PERRY — B.F. 1-4; Marching Band 1-4; Concert Band 1-3; Band Council 3, Rep. 3.

SUSAN PESANTE — G.L. 1-4; Future Teachers 3,4; Usherettes 2,3; Gourmet 3; Les Saluataries 3.

JAMES PETERSON — B.F. 1-4; Block T 3,4; Track 3,4.

KATHLEEN PETREY — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-3; GLS 2; Future Nurses 3; Latin Club 1-4, Treas. 3; Future Teachers 4, ICC Rep. 4; ICC 3,4; A.F.S. 4; CSF 1-2; Swim Team 1-4

DEAN PHILLIPS — B.F. 1-4; Band 2,3,4; Tri-M 4; Cross Country 4; Track 4; Craftsman Club 4; Pep Band 2,3.

KATHRYN PHILLIPS — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-3; Future Teachers 3; A.F.S. 4; Modern Music Masters 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Girls Glee 3; Orchestra 4

RAYMOND PORTER — B.F. 1-4, Baseball 1-4.

ROGER PORTER — B.F. 1-4; Baseball 2,3,4.

DAVID POWE — B.F. 2-4.

RUTH PRUESS — G.L. 3,4; Future Nurses 3,4.

RON QUARY — B.F. 3,4; Football 4.

SUSAN RAMAGE — G.L. 1-4; Spanish Club 1; Rally Comm.; Gusher Staff 3,4, Editor 3,4.

PATRICIA RAMSOM — G.L. 1-4; Art Club 1; AFS 2,3,4; CSF 1-4; Latin Club 1-4, V.P. 3, Pres. 4; Treas. of CSF 3; G.A.A. 1; Honor Society 1-4; ICC 2,3; Rally Comm. 3; Eta Sigma Phi 2; Executive Council 4; Commissioner of Publicity 4; Tennis Team 1-4.

DIANE RATLIFF — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4; Majorette 3,4; Spanish Club 1; Girl's Glee 1-4, V.P. 2, Sec. 3.

DOYLE RATLIFF — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1,2; Varsity Club 3,4; Football 2; Cross Country 1; Track 1,4.

VICKIE RAY — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1,2; Future Nurses 1,2; Mixed Chorus 1-4; Gusher 3,4, 3rd page editor 4.

COLLEEN REAGON — G.L. 4.

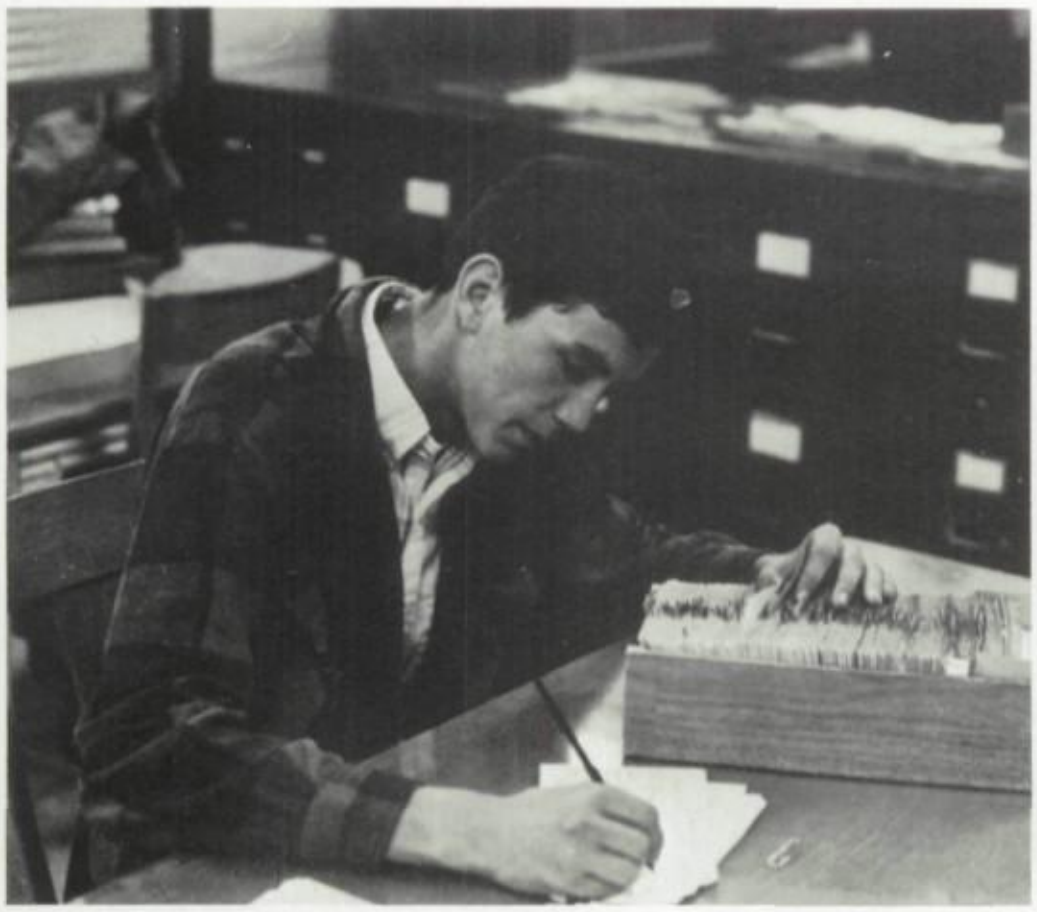
LOUISE REYES — G.L. 1-4.

CYNTHIA RHOTEN — G.L. 1-4; Art Club 1,2; Drama Club 1-4; Les Salutaries 1,2,3; Jr. Class Play 2,3,4; Sr. Class Play 3; Spring Fling M.C. 3.

Seniors had Soul

Shaver, McCarthy, and Olsen ponder a problem.

Bob Grantham and Irene Paulsen arrive at school.



Richard Kozloski looks up some information in the files.

Dave McCarthy works on a Chemistry paper.

Seniors were the best

BILL RIDDICK — B.F. 1-4; Track 1,2; Baseball 4.

GERALDINE RINDEN — G.L. 1-4.

JUDY RING — G.L. 1-4; Gourmet Club 1; Drama Club 1; FTA 1.

LESLIE ROBERTS — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4; Swim Team 2.

TIM ROBERTSON — B.F. 1-4; Drama Club 1,2; Block T 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2.

DEBORAH ROBLYER — G.L. 1-4; Art Club 1,2; G.A.A. 1-3.

BERT ROGERS — B.F. 1-4.

ROBERT ROGERS — B.F. 1-4.

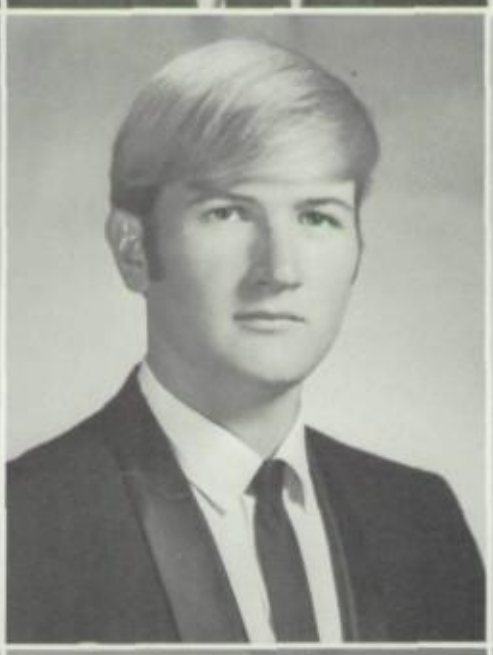
CONNIE RUSSELL — G.L. 1-4.

GAIL RUSSELL — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1,2; Gusher Staff 4.

KEVIN RUSSELL — B.F. 1-4.

MARTHA RUSSELL — G.L. 1-4; Spanish Club 1-3; Art Club 1-4; Gourmet Club 3; Gusher Staff 4.

ROSEANNA SAGASER — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4.



DAN SALYERS — B.F. 1-4.

JANICE SCALF — G.L. 1-4.

JOHN SCOTT — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1,2; Varsity Club 3,4; Football 1-4.

JUDY SEPPI — G.L. 1-4; Rep. 2; Class Treas. 3, Spanish Club 1-3, ICC Rep. 3; ICC 3, Sec. 3; Class Sec. 2; Executive Council 4, Sec. 4; Christmas Ball Queen 4; Sealbearer; Girls' State Alternate; Tennis Team 1-4.

WENDY SEPPI — G.L. 1-4; Rep. 1; G.A.A. 1-3; Art Club 1; Spanish Club 2,3, Treas. 2; CSF 1-4, Treas. 3; Class Treas. 1, Social Chairman 2; Rep. 3; Executive Council 3, Acting Sec. 3; Cheerleader 3,4, Varsity 4, Homecoming Princess 4; Girls' State Delegate 4; Seal Bearer; Tennis Team 1-4, Most Imp. 2.

MARK SHAVER — B.F. 1-4; Football 4.

LINDA SHIELDS — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4; Les Salutaries 2,3; French Club 1-4.

Bill Smith relaxes after taking a test.

ROBERT SHUCK — B.F. 1-4; Block T 2-4; Drama Club 1-4; Art Club 2; Jr. Class Play 1-3; Sr. Class Play 1-3; Cross Country 1; Track 1-4; Football 2,3; Basketball 2.

BONNIE SIMMONS — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-3; Future Nurses 3; Les Salutaries 1.

BILL SMITH — B.F. 1-4; Tennis 1-4.

DARYL SMITH — B.F. 1-4; Block T 3,4; Tri-M 2,3,4; V.P. 4; Band 1-4, V.P. 4; Future Teachers Club 3.

DWAYNE SMITH — B.F. 1-4.

GUY SMITH — B.F. 1-4.

Mike Williams struts to class.

LARRY SMITH — B.F. 4.

PATRICK SMITH — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1; Football 1,4; Track 1

VICKIE SMITH — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4.

DORIS SPRADLIN — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-3.

RICHARD SPENCE — B.F. 1-4; AFS 4.

PEGI SPRUNG — G.L. 1-4; Girls' Glee 1-4; Lib. 2; Mixed Chorus; French Club 1-2; G.A.A. 1,2; Majorette 3; Songleader 4.

RON STARKEY — B.F. 1-4, Treas. 3, Sec. 2; Key Club 1-4; Wrestling 4; Manager of Varsity Football Team 4.

FLOYD STEVENS — B.F. 1-4.

MELVIN STEWART — B.F. 1-4; Choir 1-4; Gleeman 1,2; Madrigals 3,4; AFS 4, Treas. 4; Tri-M 4; Jr. Class Play 3; Coed Capers 1; Honor Chorus 2; Spring Sing; Executive Council 4, Rep. at Large 4.

STEPHANIE STOWE—G.L. 1-4; Spanish 1,2,3; Les Salutaries 2,3; CSF 2.

DALE SULLIVAN — B.F. 1-4.

JANICE SUTTON — G.L. 1-4.

MARY SUTTON — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-4, V.P. 4, Sec. 3.

MICHAEL TAYLOR — B.F. 1-4.

DAVE THACHER — B.F. 1-4, Rep. 1,3; Spanish Club 1,2,3, ICC Rep. 3; Class Pres. 1,2; Block T 3,4; CSF 3,4; Executive Council 3,4; Athletics Comm. 3, Pres. 4; Boys' State 4; Football 1-4; Swimming 1-4; Seal Bearer.

GUY THOMPSON — B.F. 1-4; Cross Country 2.

DON THORNTON — B.F. 1-4.

LEX THORTON — B.F. 1-4; Band 1-4, Sec. 4; Tri-M 3,4; Football 2; Swim Team 1.

PEGGY TOOF — G.L. 4; ICC 4, Rep. 4; AFS 4; CSF 2-4; French Club 4, Rep. ICC 4; Seal Bearer.

GARY TURNER — B.F. 1-4.

RICHARD VAUGHN — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Football 1-4; Track 1,2.

ANN WALKER — G.L. 1-4; Rep. 2, 1st V.P. 3; G.A.A. 1-3; Art Club 1; Gourmet 2; Spanish Club 1-3, Treas. 2; Rally Comm. 3,4; Ex. Council 3,4, Rally Commissioner 4; Mascot 3.

MICHAEL WALKER — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-3; Varsity Club 3,4; Cross Country 1; Golf 1; Football 2,3; Track 2,3.

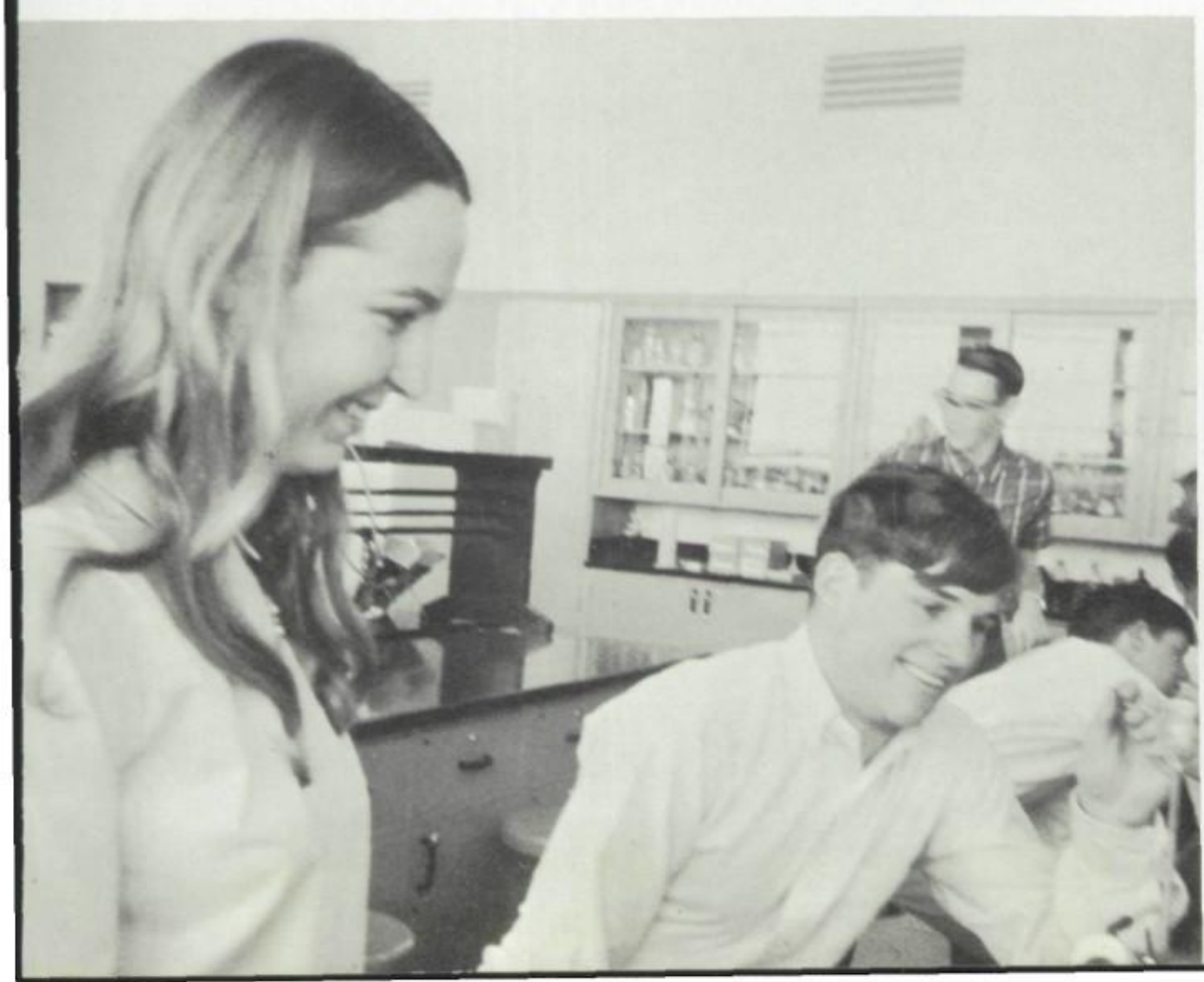
PATRICIA WALLER — G.L. 2,3,4; Senior Sounding Board; Spanish Club 2-4; Choir 2-4, Pres. 4, Sec. 3; Tri-M 4, Sec. 4.

CINDY WATKINS — G.L. 1-4; Future Nurses 3,4; G.A.A. 3; Mixed Chorus 2,3,4.

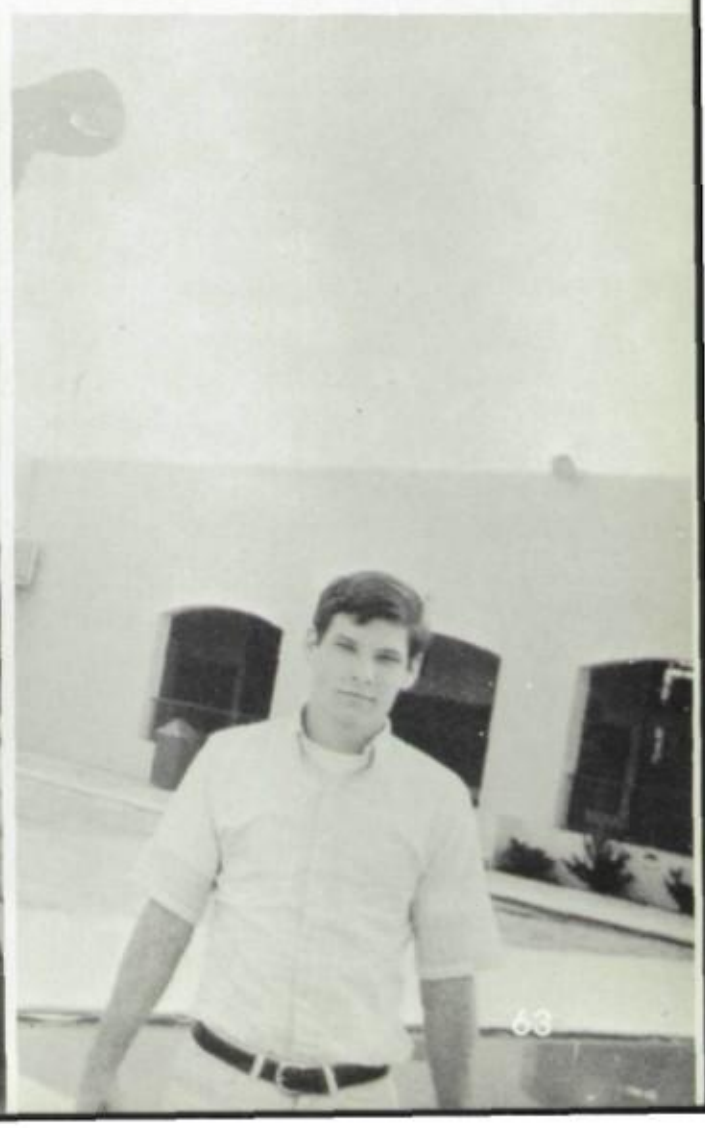
TIM WATTS — B.F. 1-4; Football 2-4.

Sock it to 'em Seniors

Jenny Haseltine watches with amusement as Dave Thacher works on an experiment.



Steve Hall pauses between classes.



DEBORAH WELLS—G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1; Future Nurses 1-4.

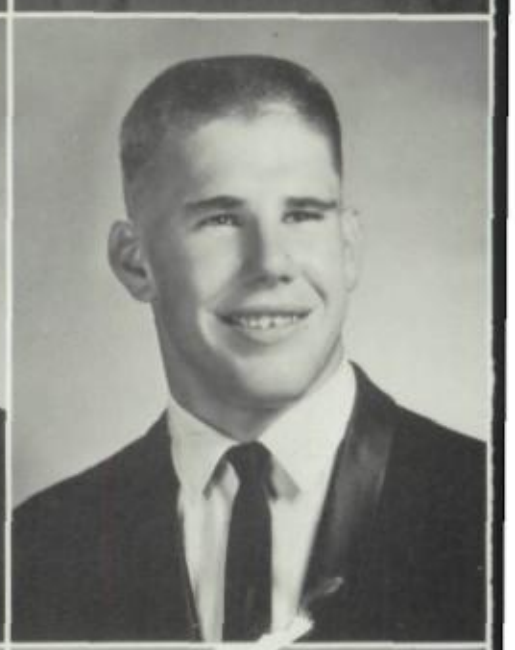
YVONNE WESTON — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4; Future Nurses 1-4, Pres. 4, Hist. 3, V.P. 3.

BECKY WHITE — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1-4, ICC Rep. 4; Future Nurses 1-4, Treas. 4, Pres. 4; GLS 3.

GAIL WILLIAMS — G.L. 4.

MIKE WILLIAMS — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Spanish Club 3; Cross Country 1; Football 1-4; Track 1-4, Cap. 3.

KENNETH WITTE — B.F. 1-4; Madrigal Singers 1-4; Tri-M 4; Mixed Chorus 1-4.



DAVID WOODS — B.F. 1-4; Craftsman Club 4; Track Team 2.

GERI WOOLSEY — G.L. 1-4; Sec. 2; A.F.S. 2,3; Latin Club 3; Madrigal Singers 2,3; Gourmet Club 1; Gusher Staff 3; Class Sec. 1; Spring Fling 3; Coed Capers 1,2.

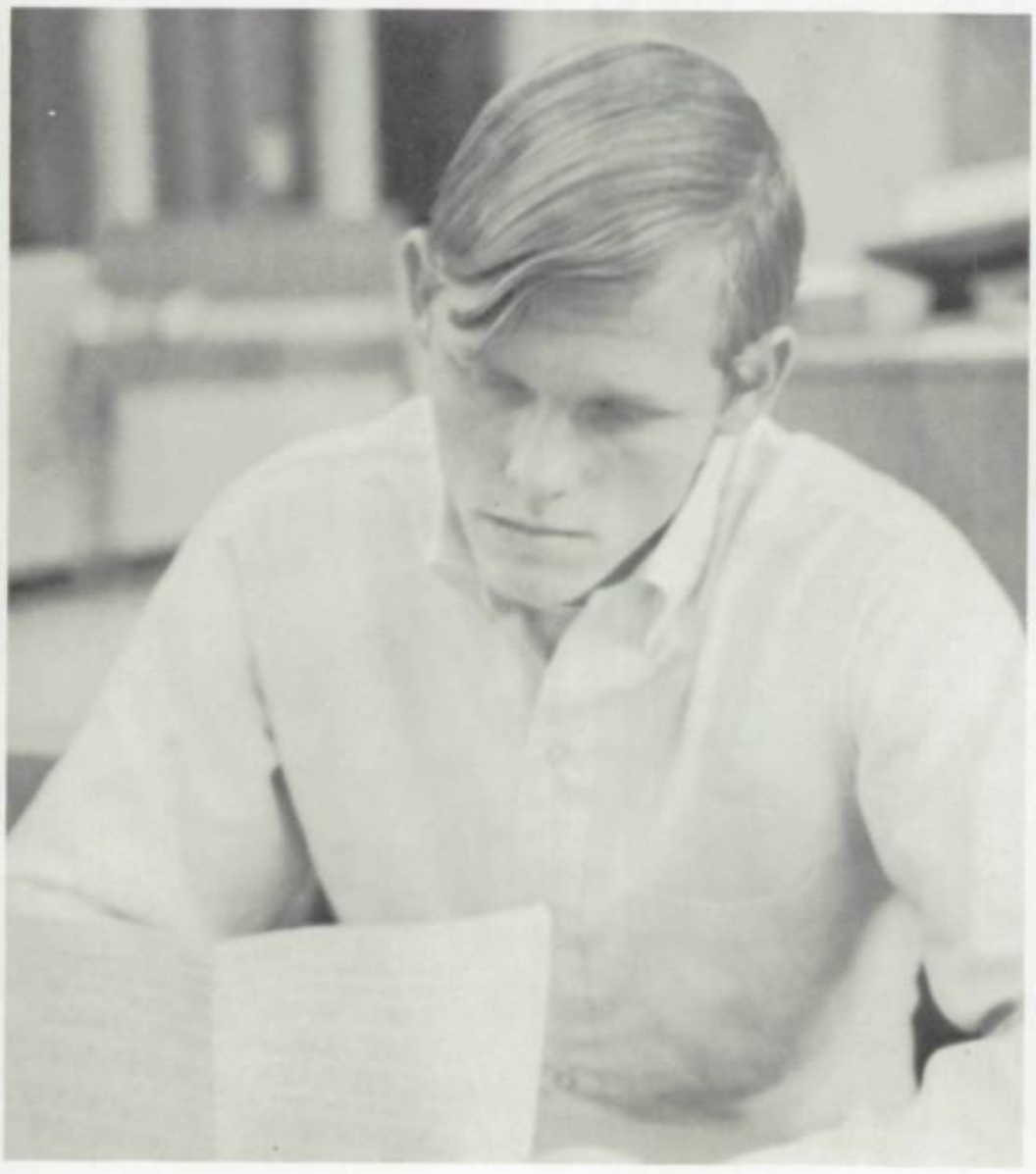
JERRY WORK — B.F. 1-4, Treas. 3; Spanish Club 1-3, Sec. 2, Pres. 4; Industrial Arts Club 2,3; Block T 2,3,4; CSF 1-4, V.P. 3; Executive Council 3, Rep. 3; Class Rep. to Ex. Council 3; Football 1-3; Track 2,3,4; Swim Team 1; Seal Bearer.

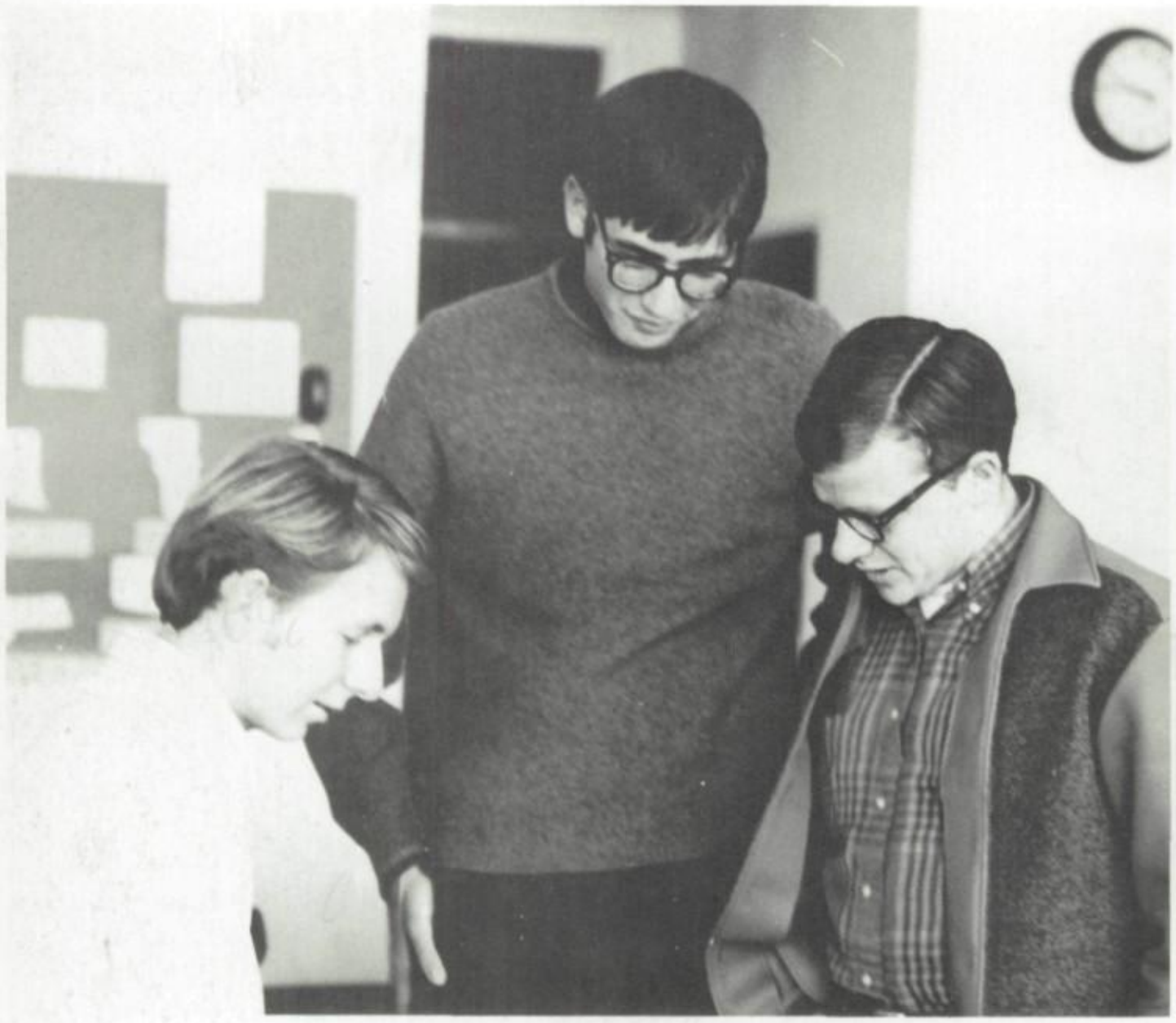
MICHAEL YOUNG — B.F. 1-4; Key Club 2,3,4, Pres. 4; ICC 4; Key Club Rep.; Class Rep. to ICC 4; Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1,2.

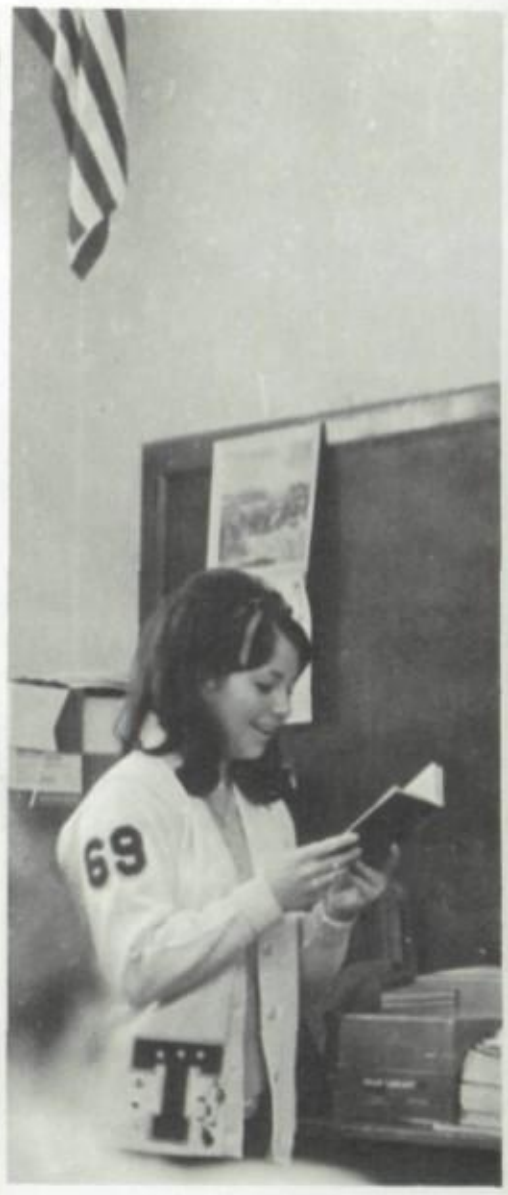
MITCHEL YOUNG — B.F. 1-4; Block T 1-4; Spanish Club 1; Drama Club 2,3; Art Club 2; Jr. Class Play 2; Derrick Staff 4.

BECKY ZELLER — G.L. 1-4; G.A.A. 1; Future Nurses 1.

top left: Seniors rest after lunch.
top right: Jamie McKay gets help in math class.
bottom left: Dave Gathings slowed down enough for a picture.
bottom right: Cindy Rhoten gets help on the horse.

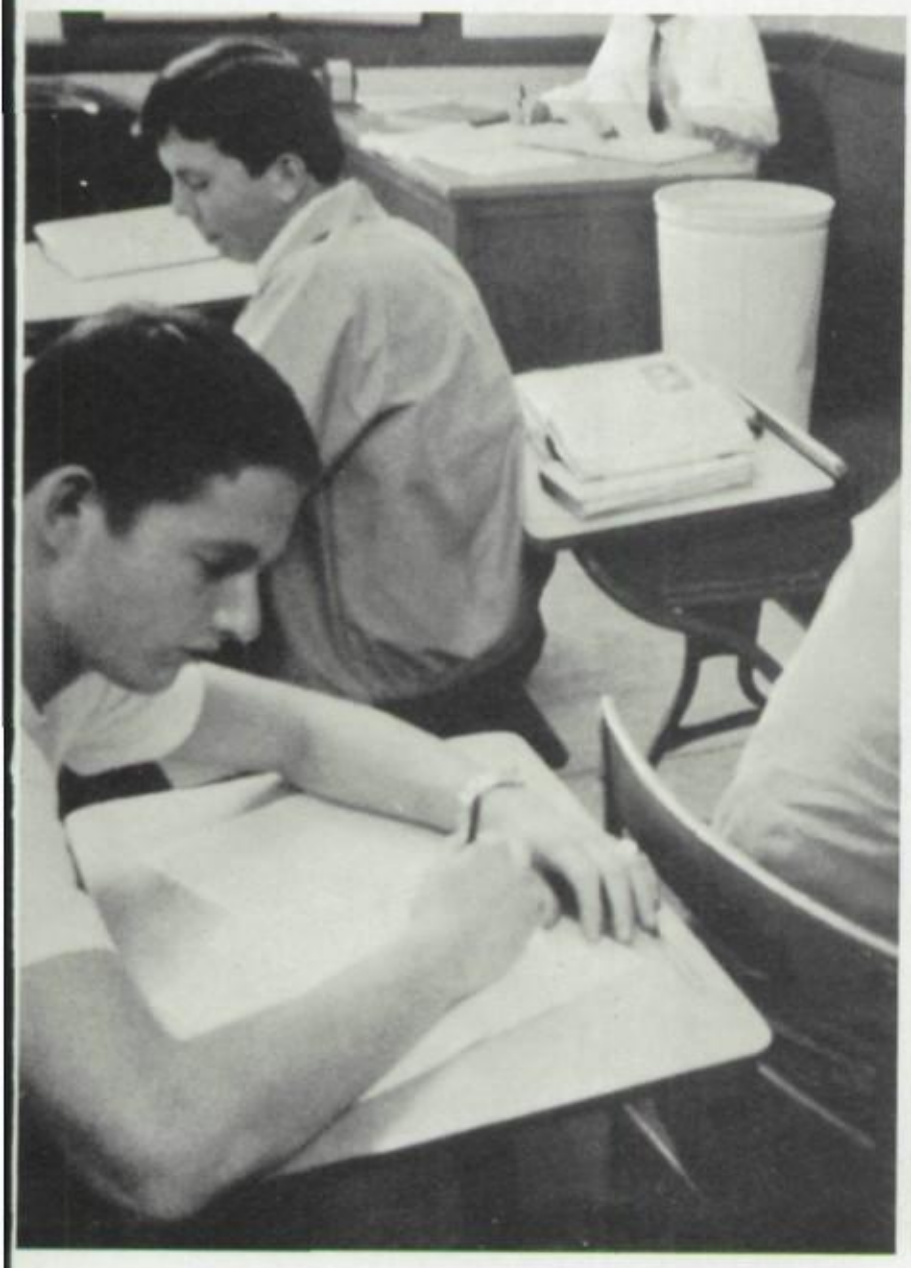


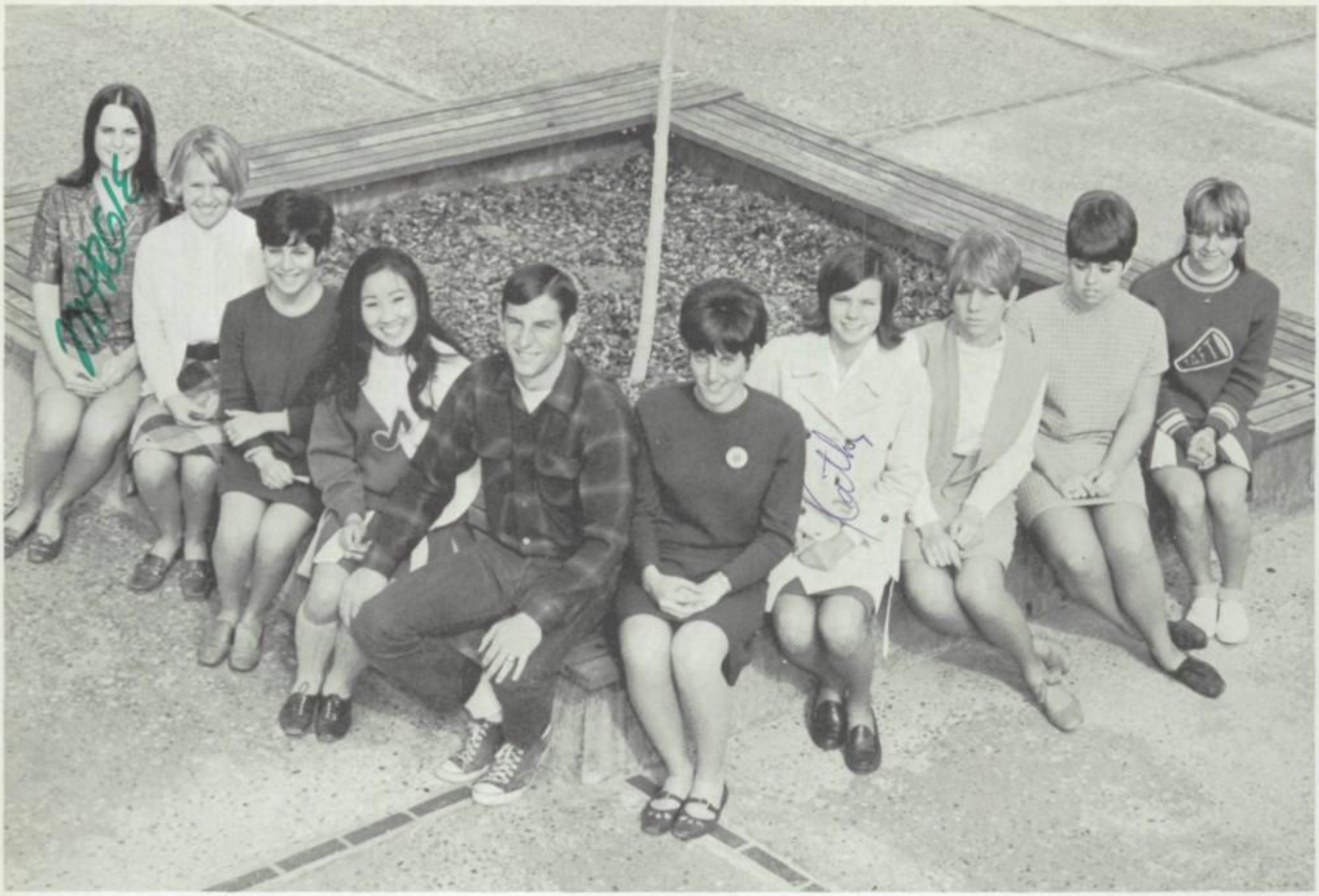




Top left: Mike Daniel, Bob Beyn, and Mick Young discuss something in journalism.
Top right: Mary Calbert reads a part for a play.
Bottom left: Steve Hall checks out an issue of the Gusher.
Bottom right: Koz helps out in the counseling office.

Top left: Leonard Geissel demonstrates a machine in auto shop.
Top right: Mike Williams prepares to go to his next class.
Bottom left: Robbie LeGar studies about the JuJu Queen.
Bottom right: Senior boys Bob Beyn, Steve Houchin, Robert Shuck, Mick Young, and Mike Daniel wish peace for all.





Junior class officers are from left to right: Margie Coonrod, Debbie Downing, Joan Richard, Karen Miwa, Darrel Sanders, Becky Herrod, Kathy Griffin, Cathy Harris, Marilyn Morrow, and Terry Elom.

Junior Class—One Of The Most Spirited

One of the most spirited and busy classes this year was the class of '70. The first interest of the junior class was to have a successful Homecoming Dance. Before this important game, juniors stood at the entrances to the football stadium and sold corsages with a patriotic "T" in the middle of each flower.

Another project sponsored by the juniors was the selling of pins personalized with the number of each class dangling from a blue stone set in gold. The money earned from this project financed the Junior Class Play. Several bake sales were also held in order to insure the financial success of the important Junior-Senior Prom, which is traditionally the junior's main project.

Mrs. Juanita Freeman, class advisor, was presented with a gift at the annual class party.

First semester junior class officers were as follows:
President—Darrel Sanders
Vice President—Karen Miwa
Secretary—Joan Richard
Treasurer—Marilyn Smith
Social Director—Teresa Bogle
ICC Representative—Alan Jennings
Exec. Rep.—Margie Coonrod

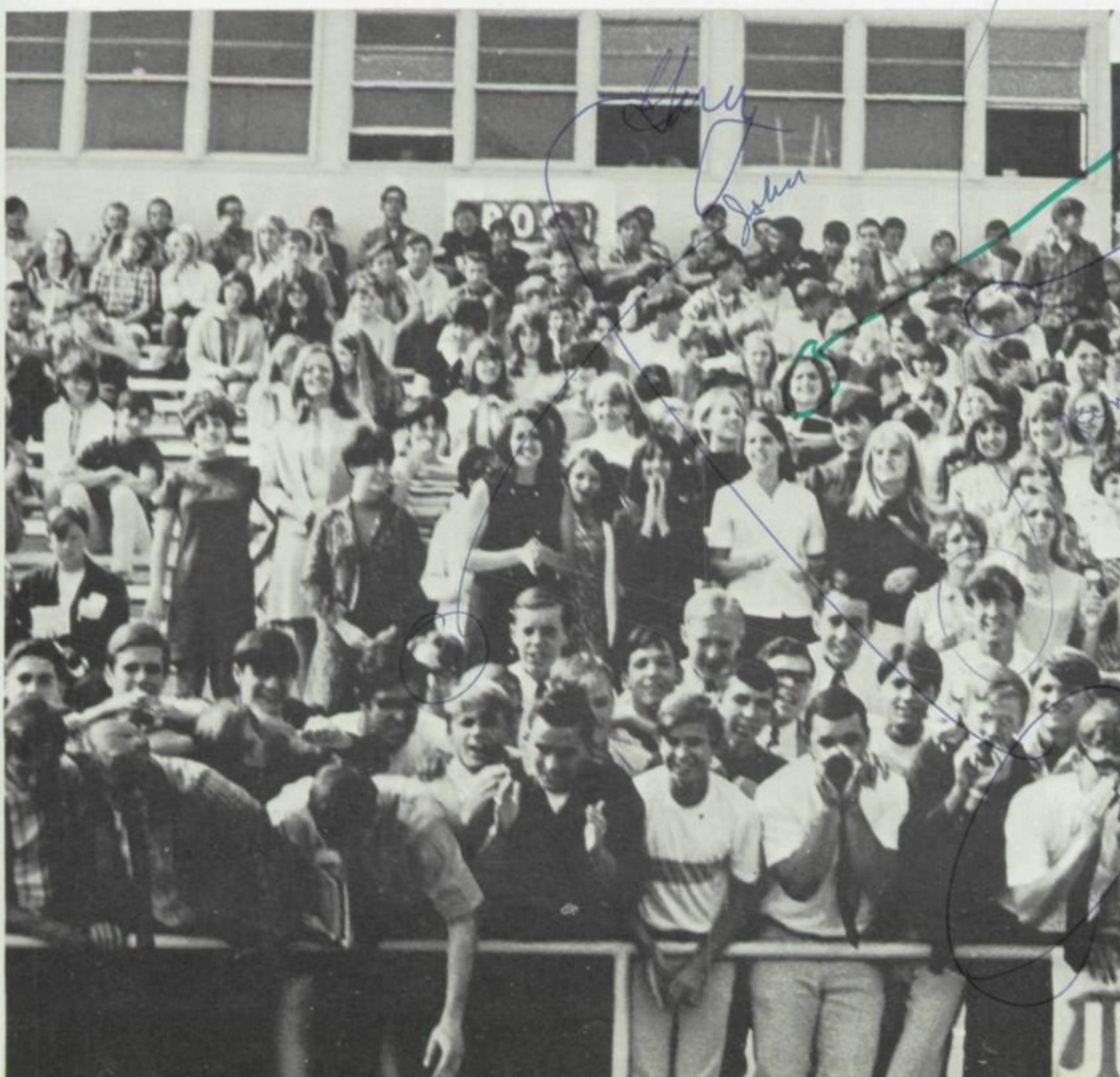
Second semester officers were as follows:
President—Becky Herrod
Vice President—Kathy Griffin
Secretary—Cathy Harris
Treasurer—Deb Downing
Social Director—Terry Elom
ICC Rep.—Alan Jennings
Exec. Rep.—Marilyn Morrow

Betty Aeilts
Vicky Allen
Debby Aldredge
Don Archibald
Joyce Astiasuain
Edith Baker

Julie Baxter
Carole Beasley
Danny Beerbower
Connie Bench
Alice Bethel
Larry Bingham

Don Black
Joslyn Blenoel
Teresa Bogle
Becky Bonham
Mike Brock
Jim Brookover

The Junior Class showed their spirit at rallys.



Dale Brown
Darlene Brown
Judy Brown

Vincent Brown
Barbara Bullard
Sarah Burch

Fred Bush
Denny Bussey
Diane Calhoun

Karen Cambell
Debbie Carr
Dennis Carroll

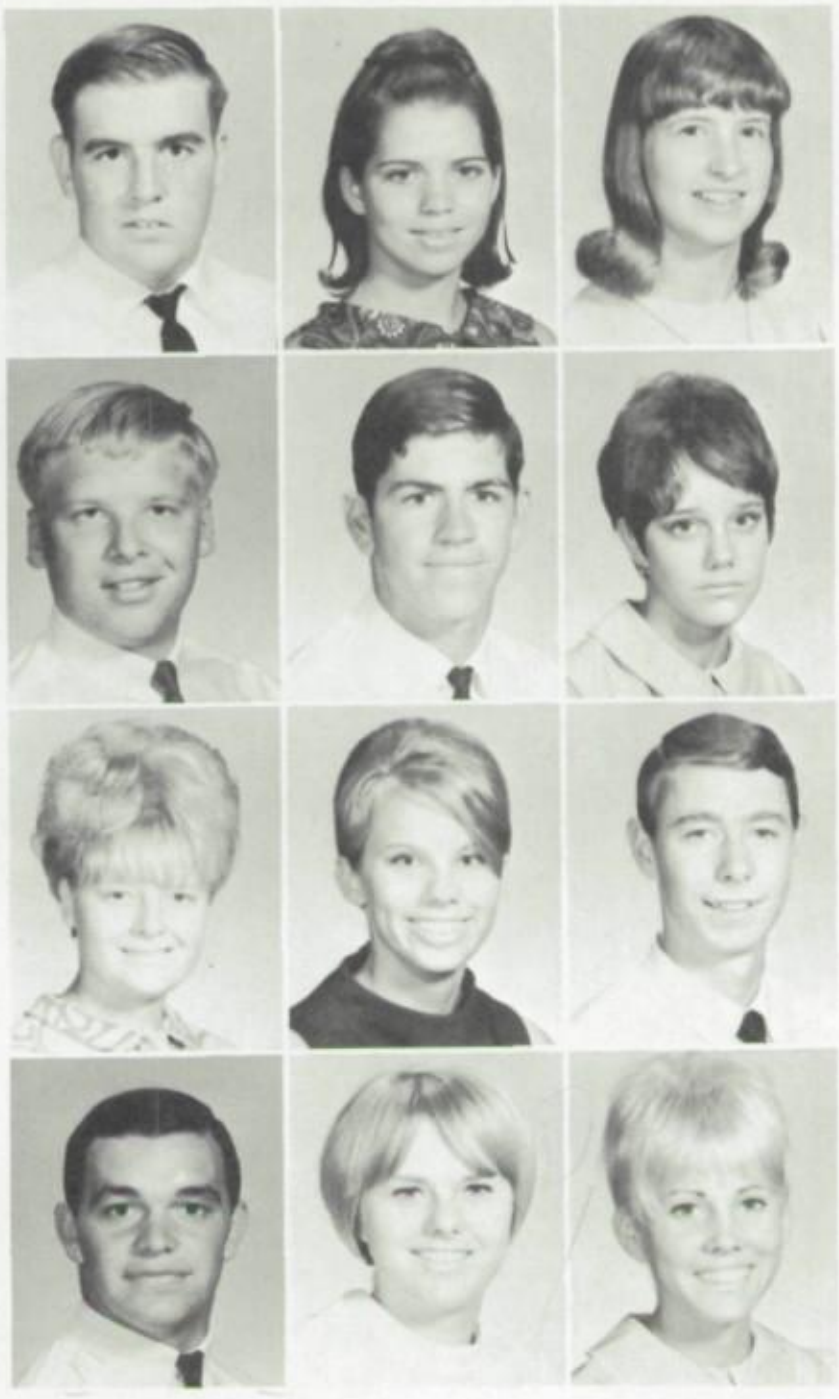
Song Leaders perform to

Don Carter
Carol Casey
Lynda Cash
Christine Casparis
Bob Cates
Darrell Chambers

John Clark
Roger Clark
Michael Coats
Harvey Comstock
Walter Conder
Lee Connick

Gary Cook
Wanda Cook
Margie Coonrod
Frances Cossom
Nancy Cox
George Cramer

Beer Beer at the Homecoming rally.



Gary Culp
Diane Cunningham
Nickolette Curnutt

Frank Curry
James Curti
Laurie Curtis

Linda Dargatz
Carol Davidson
Alan Davis

Bill Davis
Karen Davis
Sharon DeCant

Karen Denney
Sue Denny
Terry Derrington
Danny Dickey
Charles Dickinson
Mike Dixon

Dianna Dobbins
David Dominey
Ann Downer
Debbie Downing
Greg Doyle
Russell Duclos

Bob Dunlap
Larry Dyer
Linda Ecklund
Debra Edmiston
Elizabeth Egbert
Mary Ellis

The Class of 70 Was Great!

Nick Ellis
Teresa Elom
Bonita Evans
Mickey Eveland
Brenda Everett
Vickie Fanshier

Candy Fanska
Leo Fedewa
Richard Fellabaum
Debbie Fillmore
Chris Fink
Lorrita Fitch

Mike Fleming
Frank Floyd
Donna Fore
Andrew Freeny
Henry Fuller
Lloyd Fuson

Yvonne Gallegos
Mary Garcia
Janis Geherty
Roman Geissel
Mike George
Steve Gibson

Doug Gill
Timothy Gilmore
Steve Glazier
Mary Gockel
Willis Gordon
Sally Goff

Carolyn Golden
Beverly Golden
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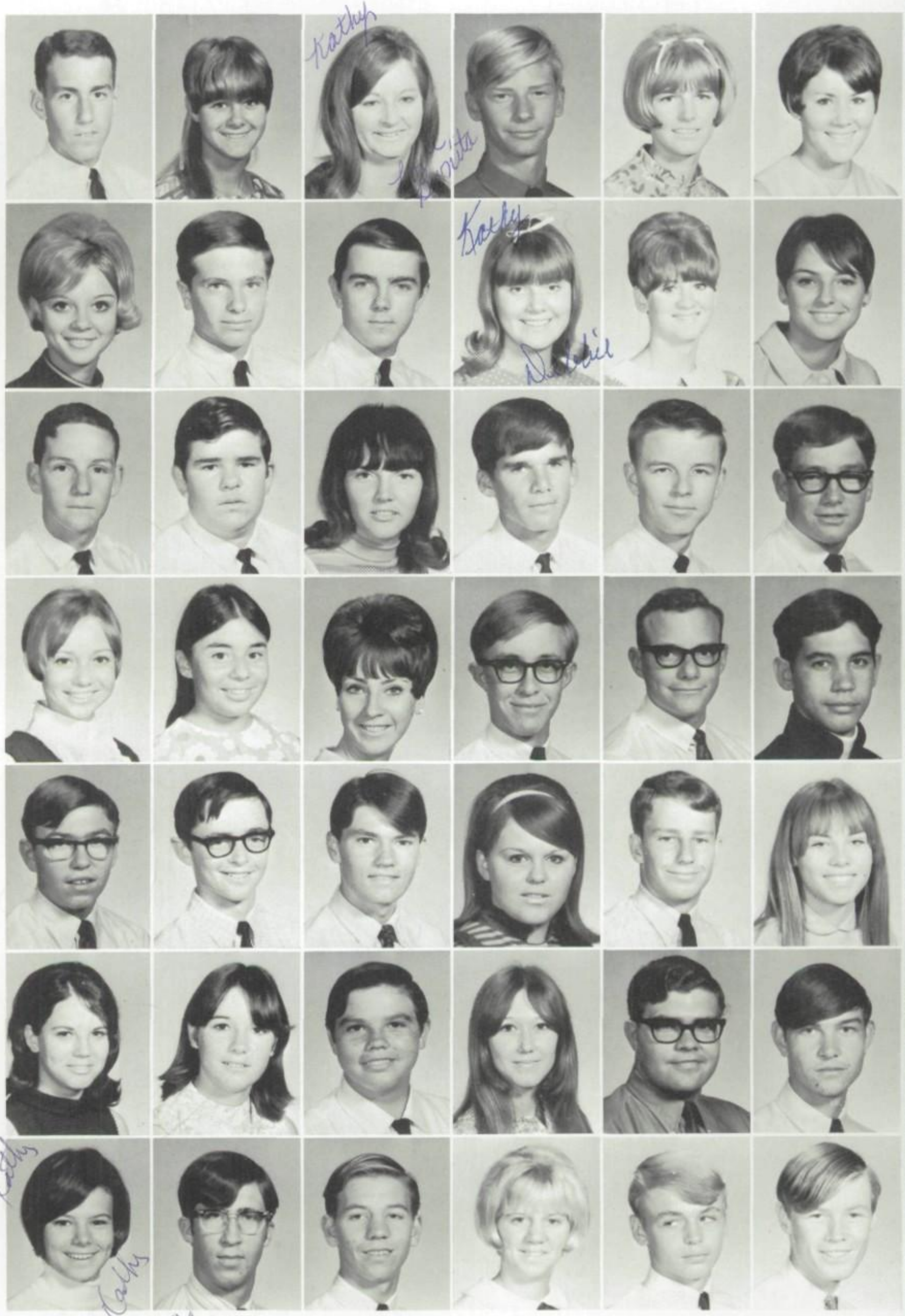

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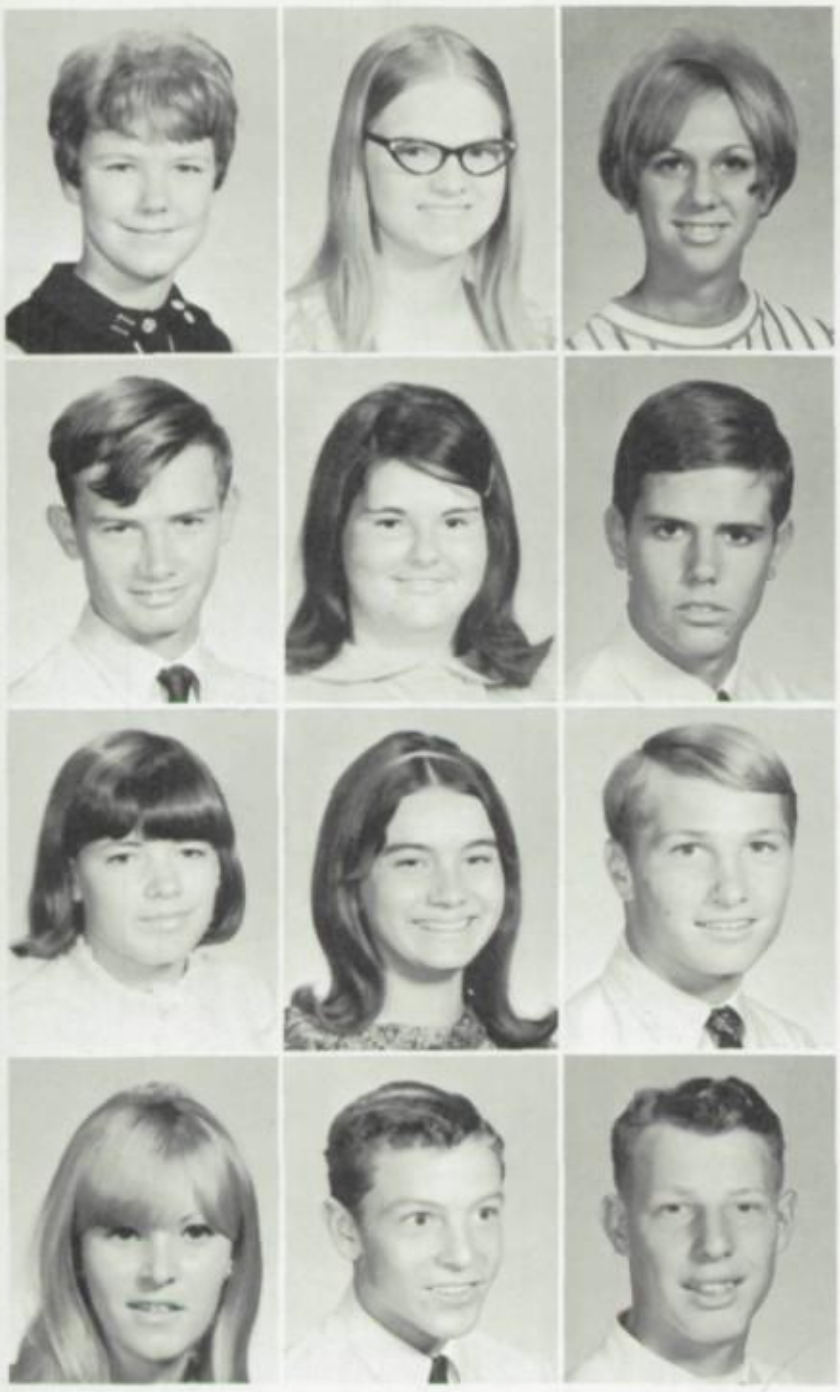
Conceded



Deanna Harder
Sandra Harrington
Cathy Harris

Gary Harris
Wanda Harrison
John Hartman

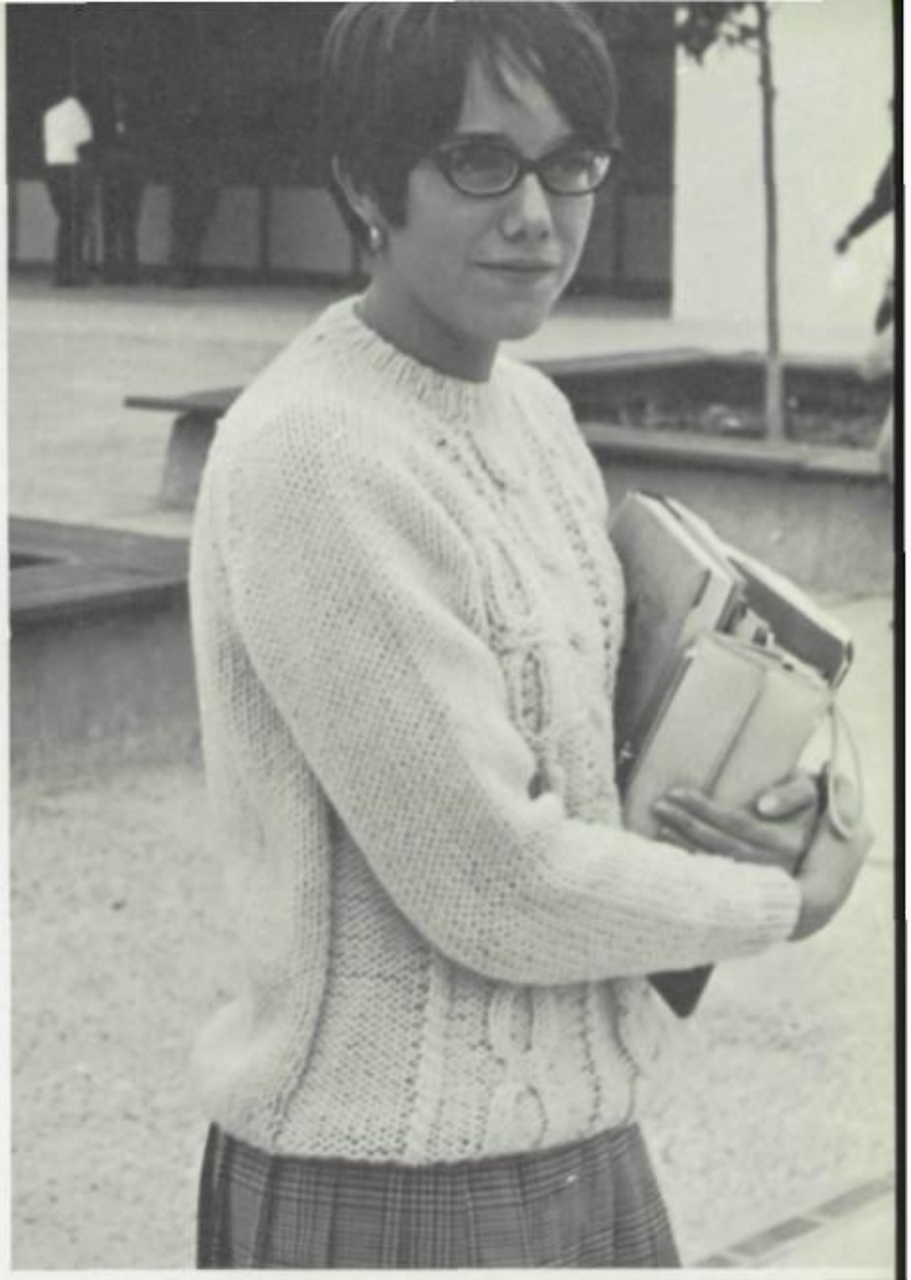
Gale Hatch
Janetta Hatch
Bob Havener

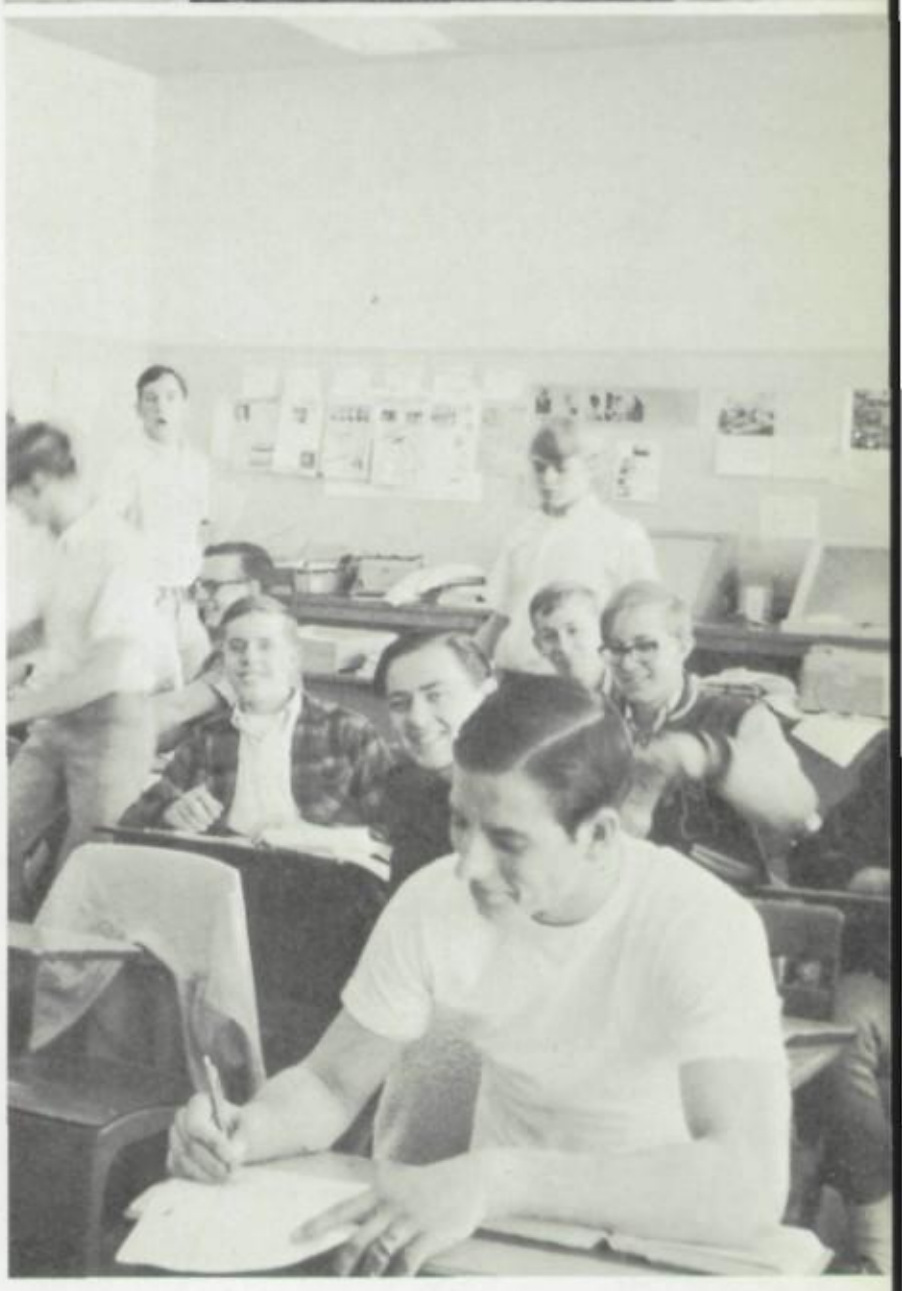
Cindy Heaps
Rusty Hebert
Lyle Herman

Juniors Were Special

Becky Herrod
Debbie Hicks
Jackie Hillyard

Dale Henshaw
Kyle Hoffman
Linda Holland





Top: Laurie Curtis pauses in the quad before going to class.

Bottom: The Juniors find their English class amusing

Gary Hollingsworth
Kevin Hook
Debbie Hooker
Tim Horner
Kathy Houx
Weylin Howell

Julie Huckins
Stephanie Hull
Melinda Hunt
Jean Jackson
Richard Jaske
Allen Jennings

Candy Jett
Bill Johnson
Jerry Johnson
Joyce Johnston
Bill Jones
Bob Jones

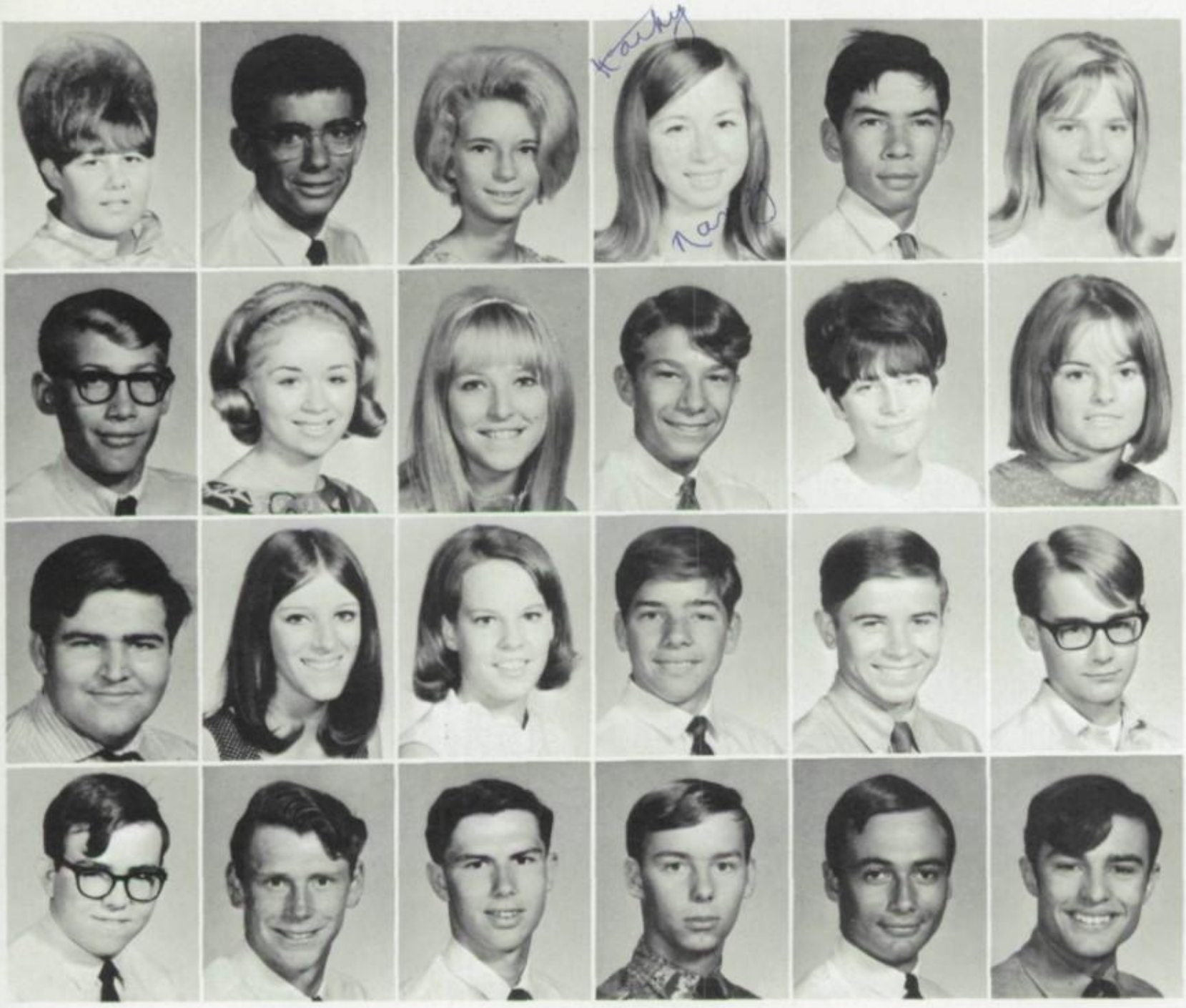
Stephen Jones
Freda Jordon
Danny Keeler
Bob Kehoe
Mac Keigly
Kathy Kelly

Juniors Make Friends

Teri Kensinger
Dave King
Janice King

Kathy Kintsel
Butch Knowles
Richard Kolar

Joan Richard and



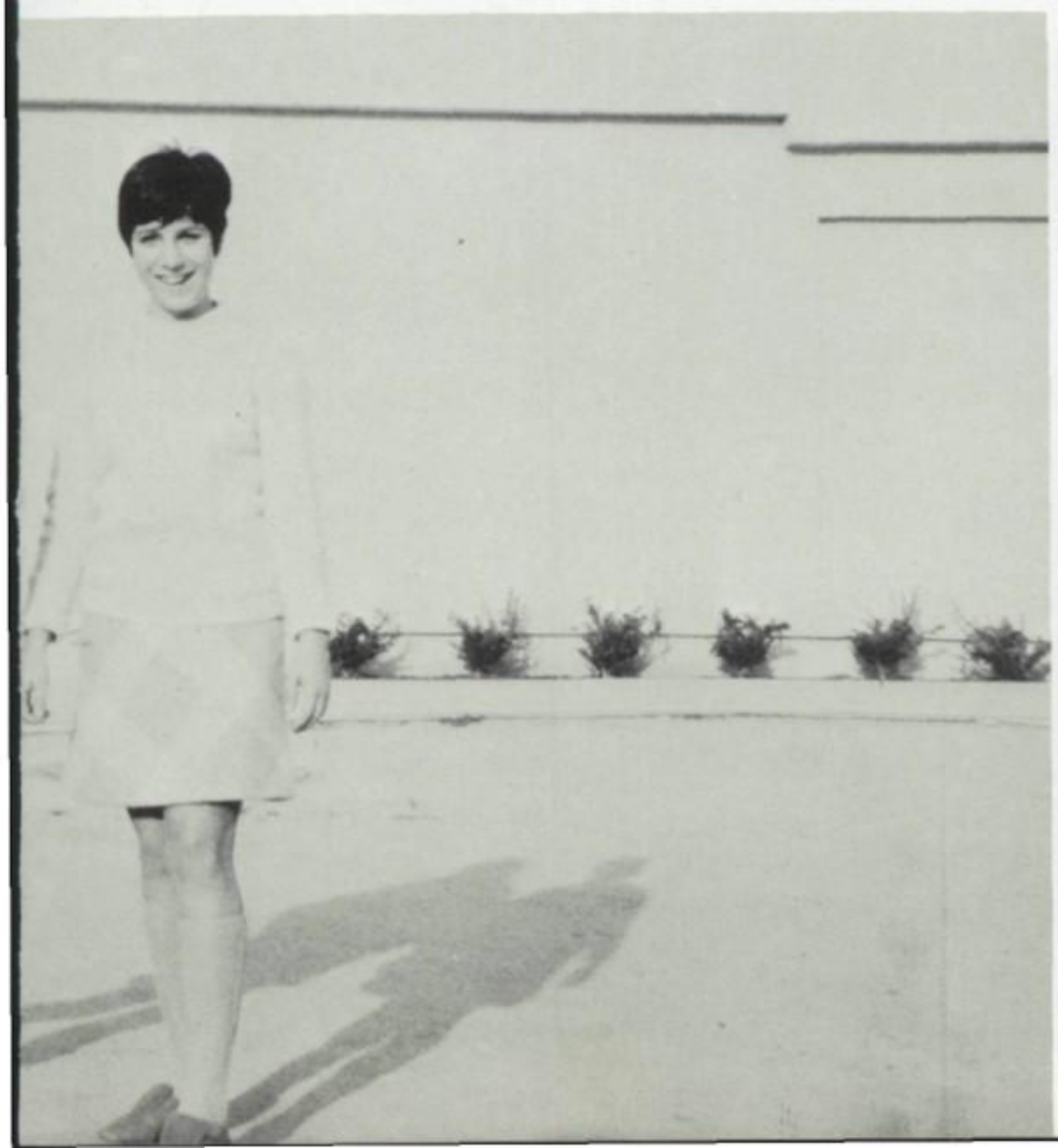
Jackie Kuntz
Robert Lambbright
Linda Leaf
Nancy Lee
Wim Leijder
Joanne Lindgren

Bob Long
Laura Lowery
Vicki Lukins
Thomas Lusk
Joan Macauley
Susan Maples

Ross Markiewicz
Pennie Martin
Micki Mathews
Don Maxwell
Gerry McCarthy
Pat McCormick

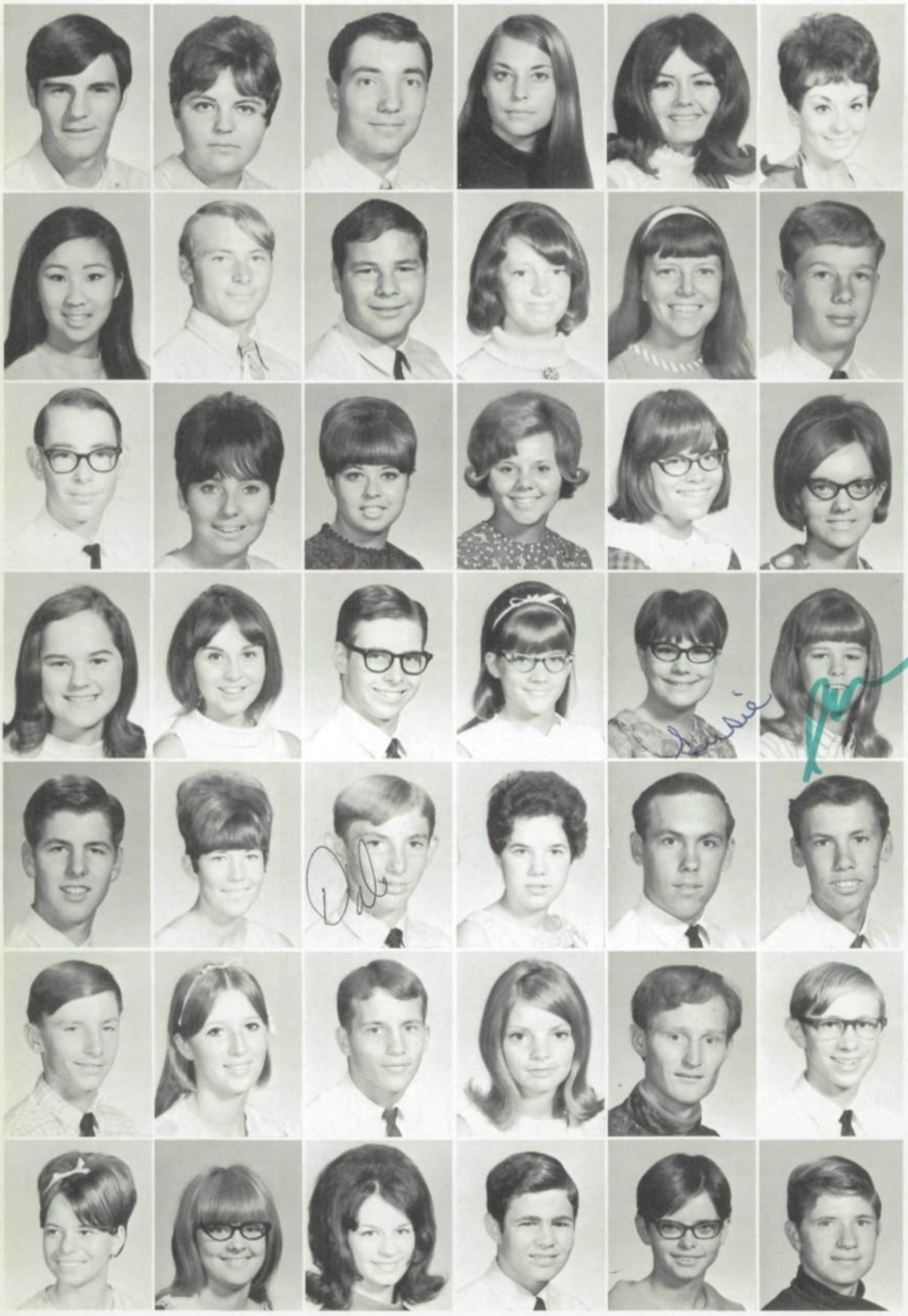
Blaine McCoy
Van McCracken
Rick McDonel
Dan Meares
Steve Melo
John Mello

Kathy Paine see a friend



Marlene Cook shows Kathy Harris a photograph.

Juniors Worked Hard . . .



Mark Michaelsen
Marlene Michel
Richard Michel
Janice Millard
Donna Miller
Gyla Miller

Karen Miwa
Gary Mobley
Mike Montgomery
Dianna Moore
Alyene Morgan
Cecil Morgan

Joe Morgan
Carla Morris
Marilyn Morrow
Barby Morse
Grace Mortimer
Sheryn Mundy

Dianna Murray
Toni Murphy
Douglas Myers
Cherie Napolean
Sue Nash
Jan Nelson

Don Niebel
Debra Norman
Dale Norred
Cheryl Oakes
Randy O'Dell
Rick O'Dell

Victor Ooley
Debbie Osborn
Richard Owen
Kathy Paine
Joe Palmer
Glen Parrish

Becky Perry
Carol Perry
Janis Pierce
Ernest Powe
Brenda Pracy
Robert Price

Top: Micki Mathews looks at pictures in her history book.

Bottom: Yvonne Gallegos and Carol Davidson wait for the bell in sewing class.

Ann Quary
Bob Ransom
Debbie Ratliff

Delvin Ratliff
Spencer Rennels
Steve Rennie

. . . And Played

Mike Rhoten
Joan Richard
Jeanne Rivas

Linda Roberts
Kenneth Robinson
Patricia Robison

Janet Rogers
John Kohall
Donna Rountree

Linda Rowland
Peggy Rowland
Gary Russell

The Class of 70 Was Cooperative

James Sagaser
Steve Salyers
Darrel Sanders
Steve Scarburough
Anita Schmidt
Rick Selby

Bob Self
Hank Shapard
Gary Simmons
Jim Simpson
Patty Sisk
Carol Slentz

Peg Slorpe
Coleen Smith
Dennis Smith
Marilyn Smith
Sue Smith
Vickie Smith

Jim Somers
John Speegle
Jan Spradlin
Robyn Spraplin
Sandie Springer
Ed Stephens

David Stewart
Kathy Stewart
Joe Stieger
Terri Sullenger
Bob Sullivan
David Sullivan

Greg Sweaney
Jim Swigart
Barbara Taxdahl
Terry Taylor
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Cliff Thompson

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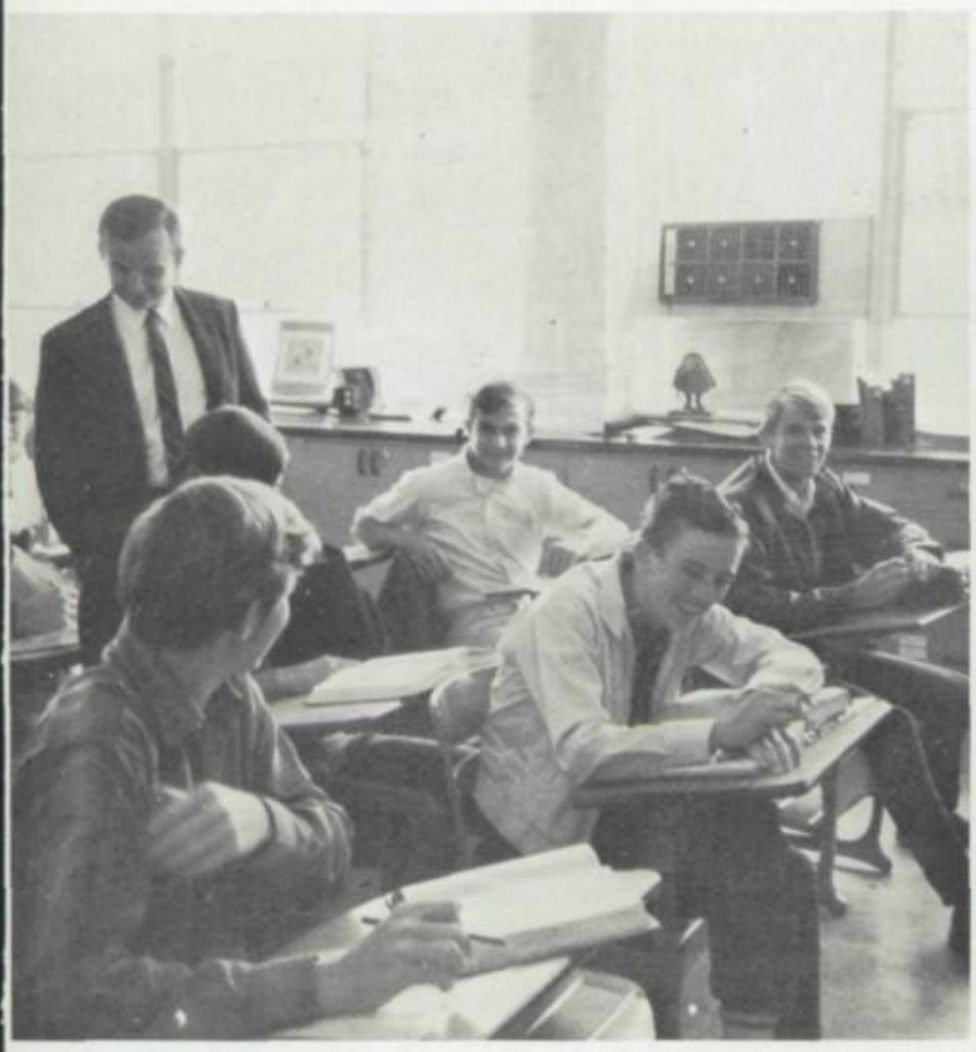
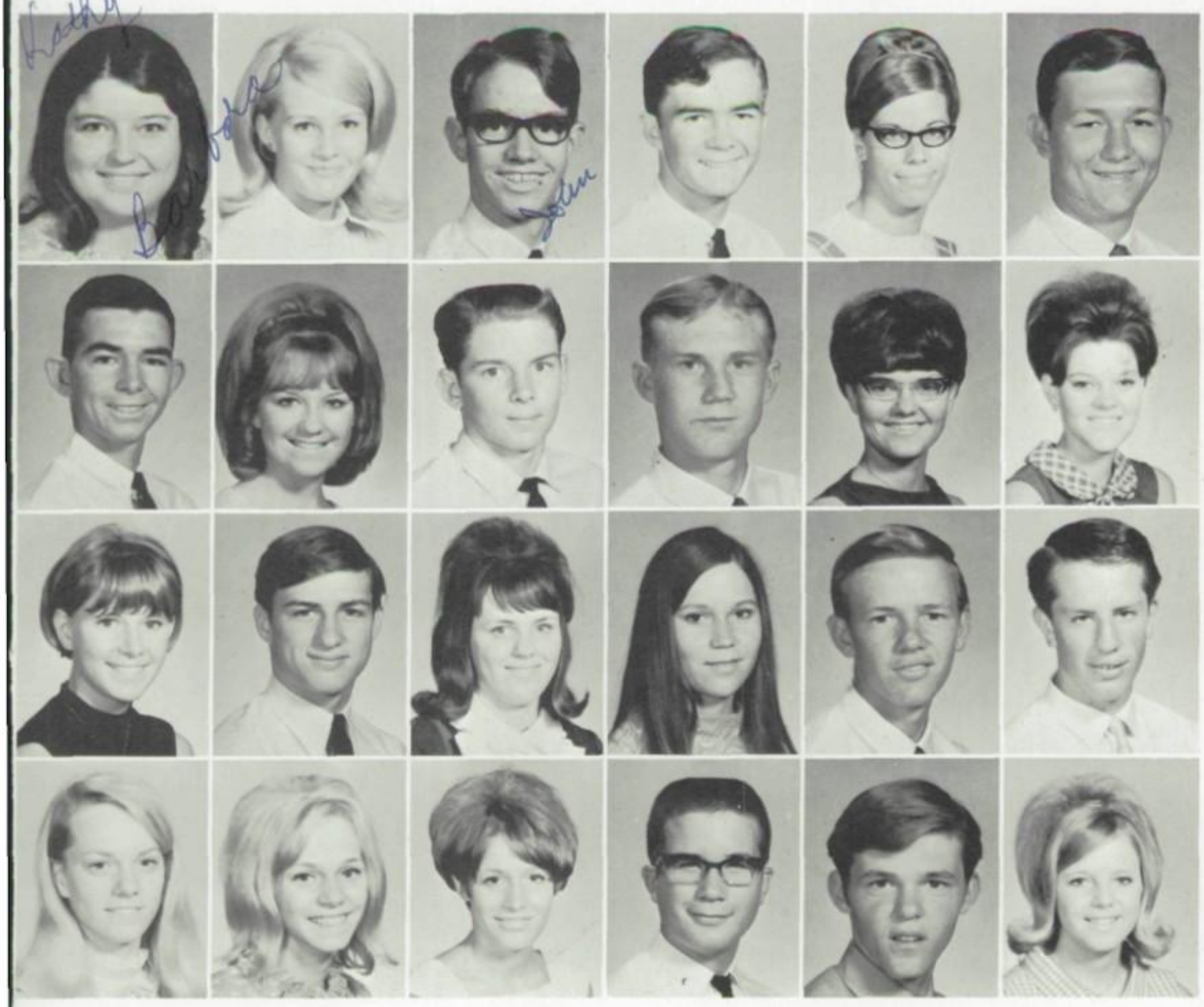
Ann Tuft
Ken Twisselman



George Cramer makes a bad mistake in his algebra class.

Darin Dykes and Bill Davis check-out their etchings in arts and crafts.



Barbara Vaughn
Linda Waldemer
John Walker
Russell Walker
Beckie Waller
Charles Watkins

Albert Weigand
Janet Welch
Louis West
Randy Wheeler
Carol Whitley
Sharon White

Pam Whittaker
Danny Whyte
Brenda Williams
Connie Williams
Johnny Wilson
Louis Witte

Elaine Wolfe
Jenny Worrell
Donna Wright
Jeff Youngborg
Andy Zans
Ruth Gockel

Sophomore class officers are from left to right: Shelly Wheeler, John Bruce, Patty O'Brien, Joan Cook, Mary Curry, Patty Pett, Jim Durkan, Steve Anderson, Matt Kohal, Cheryl Morris, Doris Dean, Kathie Hull, Janice Gilbreth, Gail Stewart.

Sophomore Class Gains Much Experience

The class of '71 has gained much experience in the past year. One of their most important productions of the year was the Cinderella Ball. This dance is traditionally a sophomore project and gives them insight on how to present a formal affair.

Sophomores were busy building their bank account also. Many bake sales on Center Street and at school were held. Several novel ideas were used as money-makers; toothbrushes, bumper stickers, and raffle tickets were sold at school and on the street.

During Homecoming Week sophomores proved to be very enthusiastic. More sophomores turned out for the human serpentine than any other class.

Mrs. Annamae Murray assisted the sophomore class in all of their activities and was quite pleased with their capability.

First semester officers to the sophomore class were:
President—Jim Durkan
Vice President—Patty Pett
Secretary—Mary Curry
Treasurer—Joan Cook
Social Director—Shelly Wheeler
ICC Rep.—John Bruce
Exec. Council Rep.—Patty O'Brien

Second semester officers were:
President—Steve Anderson
Vice President—Matt Kohal
Secretary—Cheryl Morris
Treasurer—Doris Dean
Social Director—Gail Steward
ICC Rep.—Janice Gilbreth
Exec. Council Rep.—Kathie Hull

Ronnie Adams
Mary Albertson
Pam Ames
Steve Anderson
Rhonda Atterberry
Bob Ballard

Ken Ballou
Sherryle Barnes
Hazel Barron
Randy Beck
Arlene Beebe
Pam Bell

Robert Bench
Floyd Bennett
Robert Bernitz
Wayne Bethel
Alan Bilbo
David Billings

Shelia Schofield works earnestly while Chris Smith daydreams.

Joan Cook displays her skill in typing.

Susann Birdsong
Michael Black

Tony Bolivar
Harold Boren

John Burke
Virginia Bramham

Vance Brannon
Gaythel Brigewater

Paula Stover, Sharley Wheeler and Arlene Beebe smile for the

Cliff Brockett
Kathy Brooks
Debbie Brown
Mary Brown
Jonathan Bruce
Forrest Buck

Candace Burrow
Stuart Bush
Nick Bussey
Frank Buttke
Gary Butz
Cindy Cairns

Bruce Cambell
Linda Carr
Danny Carroll
Carol Cogdill
Julia Collins
Pam Colston

James Conners
Robin Connick

Joan Cook
Dan Cooper

David Cooper
Diane Cooper

Kathy Cooper
Terry Courtright

cameraman while these students hurry to their next class.

Pam Cox
Elaine Crow
Alan Curry
Mary Curry
Debbie Dalton
Doris Dean

Cliff Denny
Mike Denney
Roberta Dickinson
Larry Dixon
Dave Dodson
Louise Donley

Tom Dotson
Wanda Doty
Kip Downer
Don Downey
Cathie Dryer
Patsy Dugan

Sophomores Studied . . .

Jim Durken
Linda Dyer
Joyce Earls
Donnie Easley
Jack Easley
Jim Easley

Roger Eby
Patrick Egan
Larry Ellenberger
Linda Enoch
Doug Erlewine
Linda Farmer

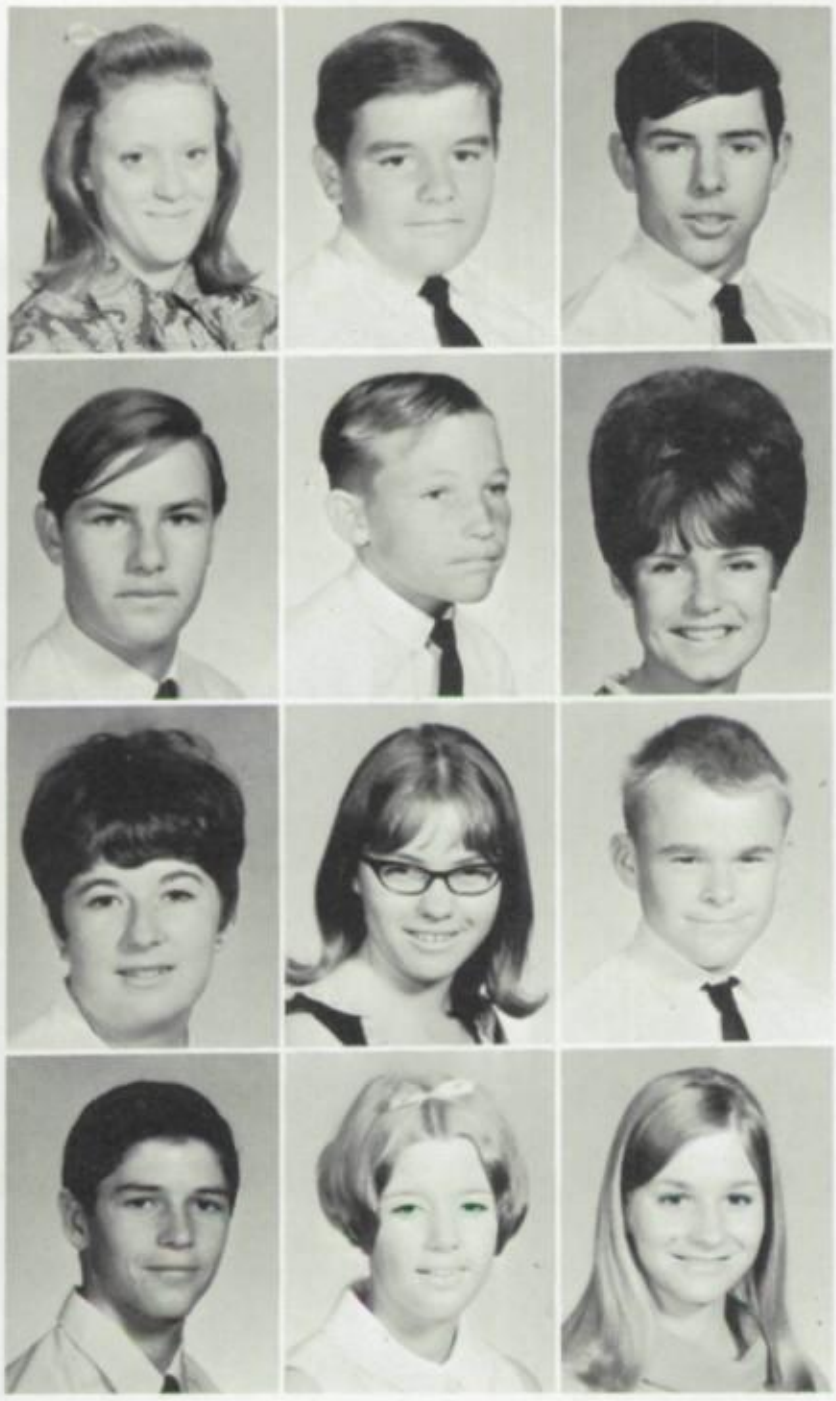
Vickie Farnham
Neal Finney
Charles Fivecoat
Ross Flanigan
Cindy Flippen
John Floyd

Ray Floyd
James Ford
Marc Foster
Gary Fowler
Vivian Freeny
Kay Frtizie

Sarah Fugate
Marilyn Fuller
Leila Gates
Teresa Galyardt
Debra Geissel
Ray George

Valerie Gianopulus
Janet Gieselman
Janis Gilbreath
Linda Giovango
Sandra Gragg
Robert Grant

Ronnie Gregg
Rita Gregory
Chris Griffin
Debby Gunter
Richard Hale
Kathy Hall



Charlotte Halphin
Dewey Hammons
Don Harlan

Dave Harrell
Danny Harris
Cindy Haskins

Chris Hayter
Phyllis Hendricks
Tom Hendricks

Benny Hill
Linnie Holden
Becky House

. . . And Studied

Darryl Howell
Debbie Hull
Kathy Hull

Margaret Jackson
Robert Jaske
John Jenkins

Top: Sophomores exercise their ingenuity in Mrs. Hurley's English class.

Middle: Sophomores learn all about leaves in biology.

Bottom: Janice Gilbreath and Debbie Dalton are preparing for a timing.

John Jensen
Charles Johnson
John Johnson
Ronnie Jordon
Mike Keeler
Mark Kelly

Kenny Jones
Mike Kili
Debbie King
Jackie King
Billy Kipfer
Roger Kirk

Matt Kohal
Debby Kosareff
Louis Kranyak
Kerrye Kuntz
Connie Lacy
Bob Lafferry

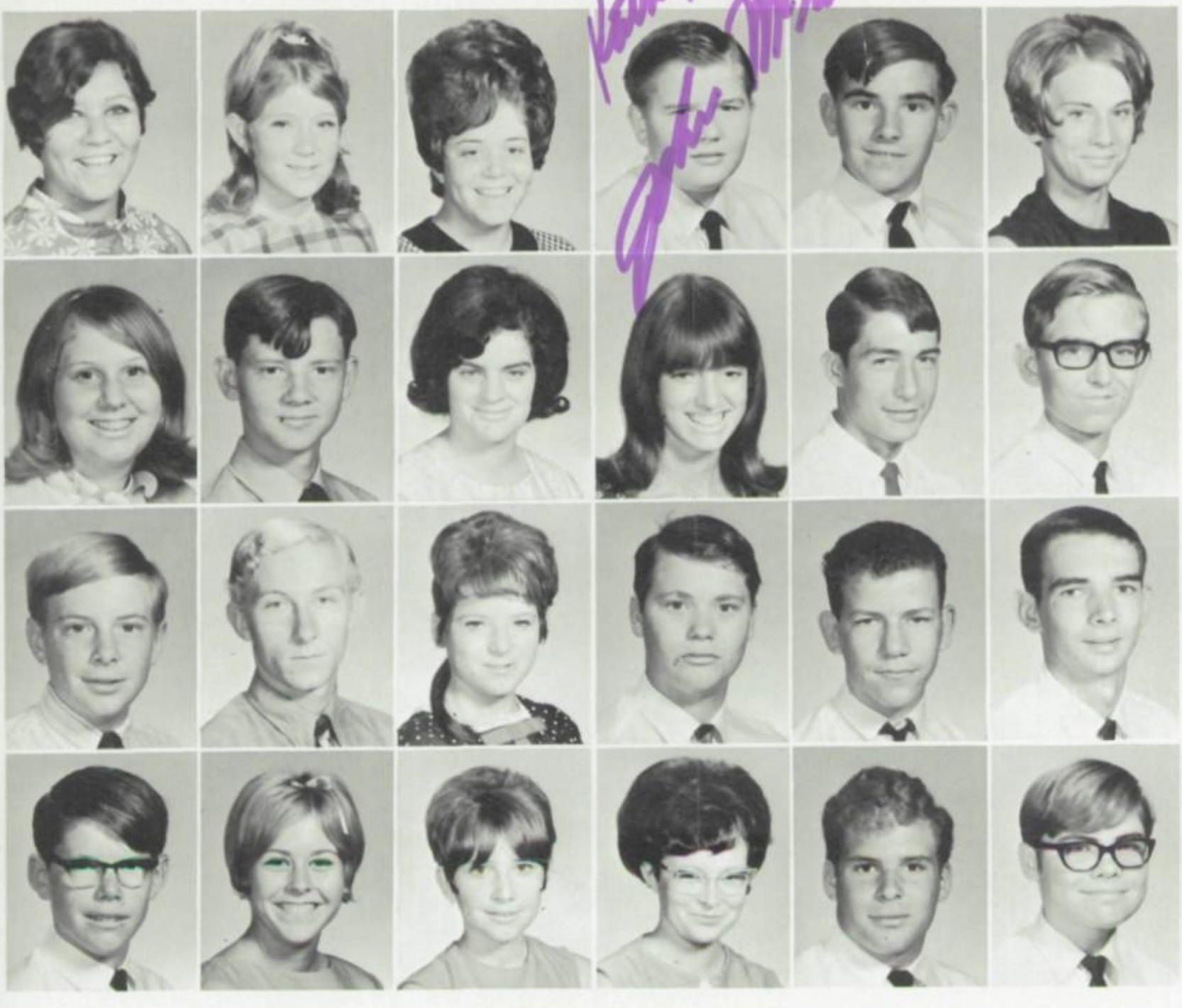
Rick Lamb
Deborah Latimer
Barbara Leyder
Shawn Leipold
James Lewis
Rita Lindsey

Sophomores Cared

Georgie Lindsey
Robert Lippert
Jerri Long

Susan Looney
Cindy Lusk
Mary Macewich

Students await the



Kathy MacRae
Linda Mahurin
Ruth McCracken
John McKinnell
Bob McMahon
Terry McPherson

Glennis Metcalf
Alan Miller
Debbie Miller
Ginger Miller
John Miller
Mike Miller

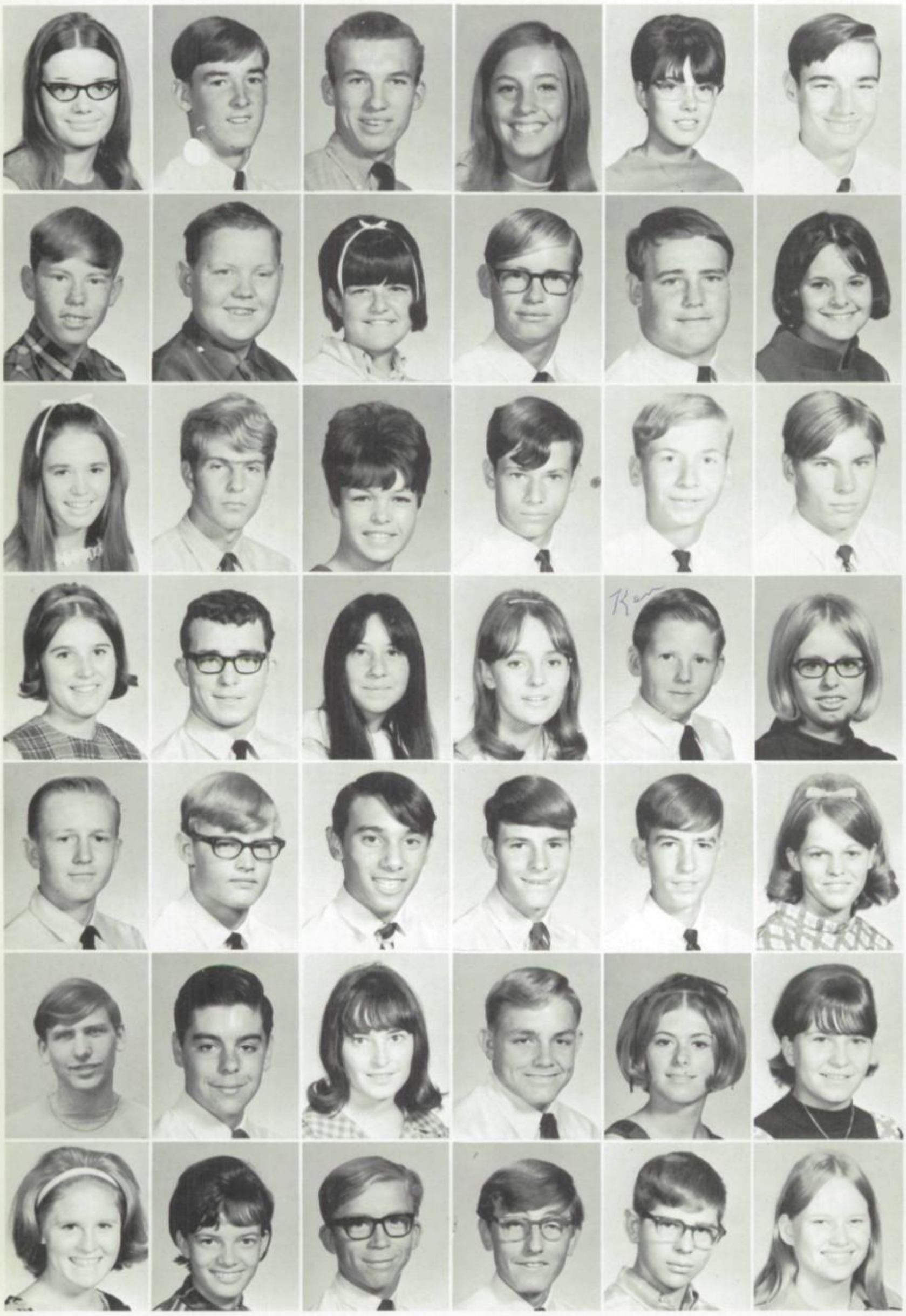
Roger Miller
Steve Miles
Mary Mobley
Nathan Moore
Gary Morgan
Ken Morgan

Bob Morris
Cheryl Morris
Chris Morris
Karen Morris
Steve Morris
Rick Mortimer

half time of the game.

While Danny Cooper talks to Mrs. Land.

The Class of 71 Was Athletic



Jewell Nichols
John Nichols
Victor Nunez
Patty O'Brien
Carol O'dell
Tom Osborne

Danny Owens
Terry Owens
Linda Parcel
Lonnie Parker
Gordon Partain
Kathie Patterson

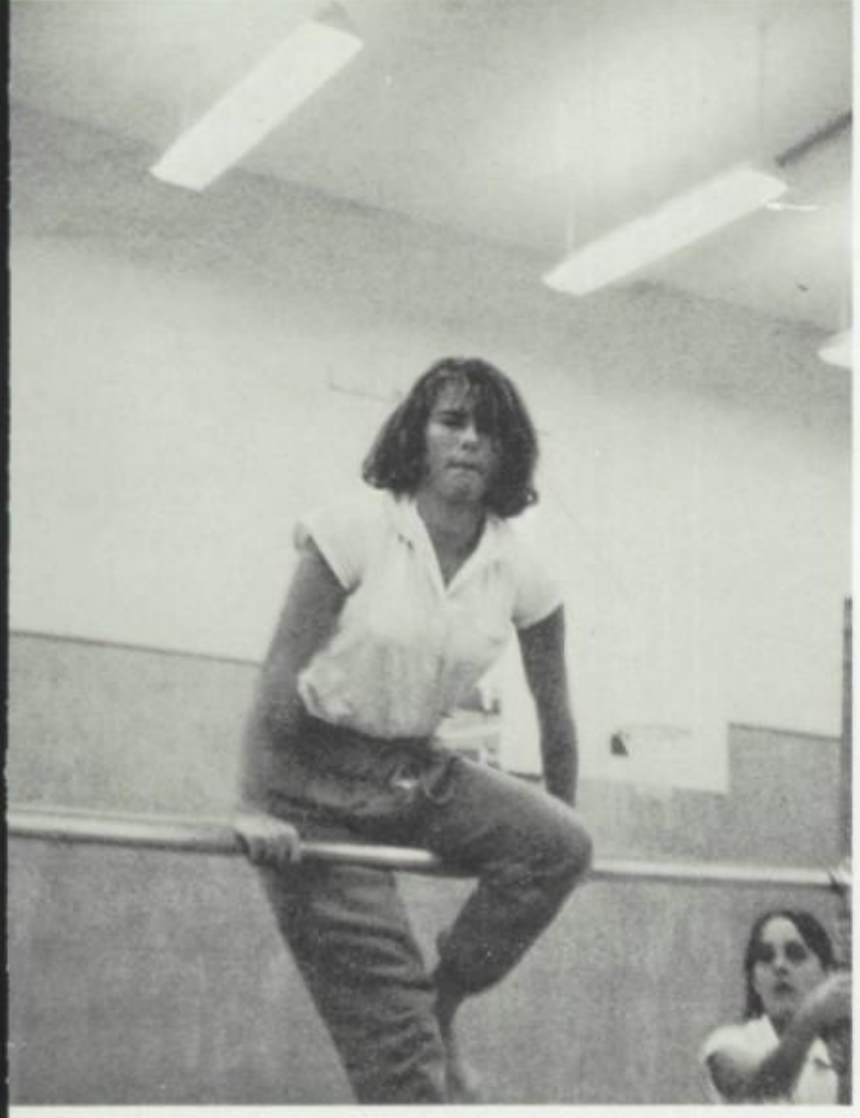
Irene Paulson
Terry Pearson
Patti Pett
Jim Pence
Tom Perry
Eric Peterson

Juliana Peterson
Charles Pierce
Jennifer Pierce
Lavada Pierce
Ken Porter
Mary Pracy

Gary Preston
Greg Price
Charles Pruitt
Tim Pruitt
Tom Pruitt
Gail Quary

Rudy Ray
Kelly Reed
Sherlene Reed
Monty Reedy
Robin Rennels
Rita Rise

Candice Robinsor
Joy Robinson
Larry Rogers
Bill Rolls
Joe Romagno
Debbie Romuld



Top: Joyce Johnston and Joan Cook practice their hockey skills.

Bottom: Mary Batson demonstrates her ability on the parallel bar.

Brenda Rowland
Sandy Russell
Mark Sagaser

David Salvaggio
Dale Saylon
Howard Scalf

Sophomores Liked Sports

Carolyn Scarborough
Linda Scovel
Davida Schardein

Debra Scheideck
Sheila Scholefield
Sandy Seay

Chuck Shapard
Terry Shaw
Mark Shields

Vicki Sikes
Chris Smith
Gary Smith

The Class of 71 Worked Hard

Ronnie Smith
Candy Soares
Sharon Soles
Lyn Speegle
Cliff Sprung
Bob Stanton

Mike Stark
Gail Steward
Kathy Steward
Debbie Stewart
Margie Stewart
Mike Stickles

Clara Stieger
Gary Stripling
Paula Stover
Judy Stroud
Lisa Sunderland
Glenda Sumner

Dave Taylor
Mike Taylor
Debbie Teel
Cathy Thompson
David Tolf
Denise Thompson

Martin Trahan
Harvey Trop
Debbie Tuck
Jetty Turner
Sandra Upshaw
Mike Varney

Linda Walker
Dave Waller
Betty Watkins
Lorrie Watson
Lester Weaver
Carol Wentworth

Claudine West
Sharly Wheeler
Shelly Wheeler
Debbie Whittaker
Sam Wilder
Cylinda Williams

Debbie Gunter and Terry McPhearson type vigorously while

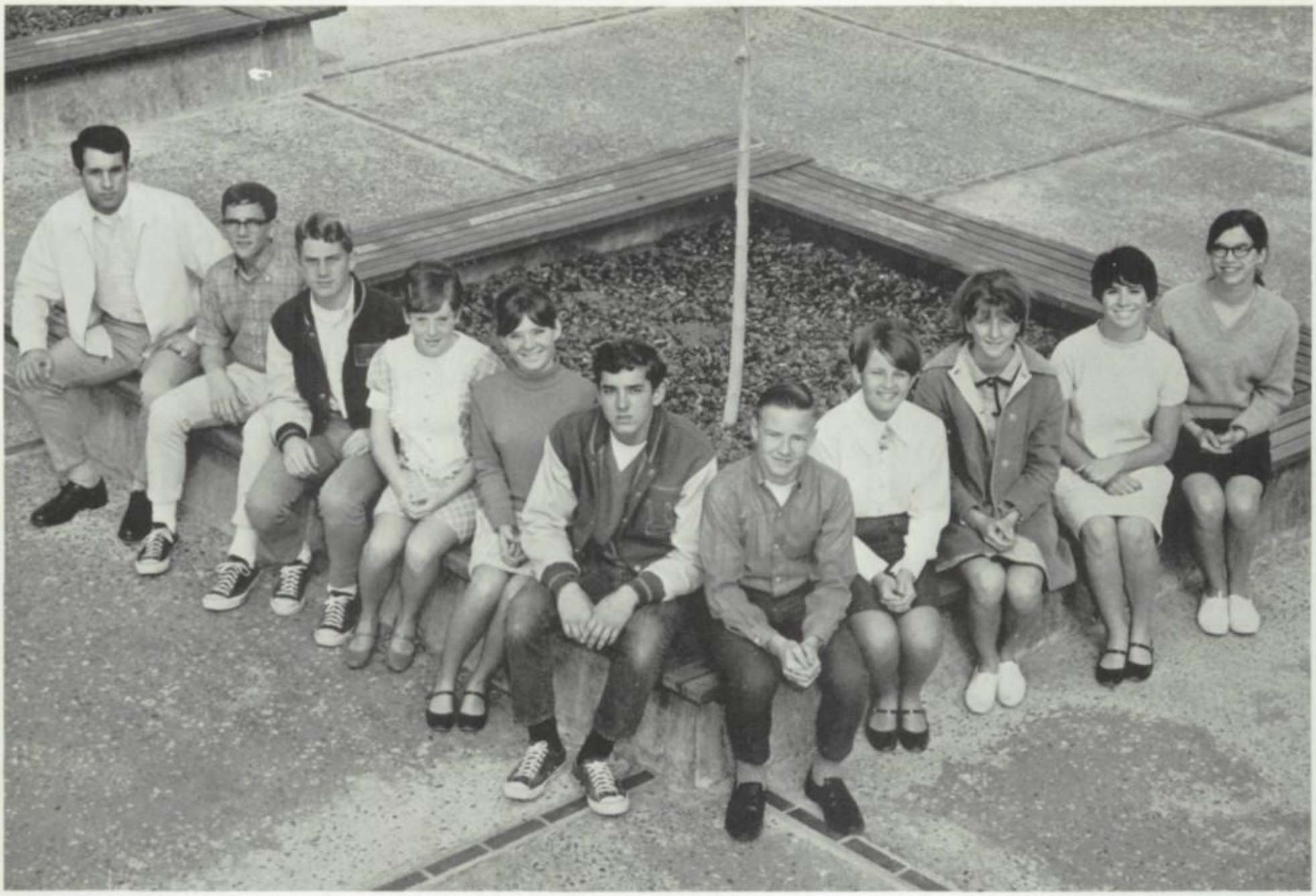
Cindy Lusk and Cheryl Morris sew.

Sophomores Were Cool!

Rick Williams

Roxana Williams
Paul Willis
Barry Wolfe
Don Wolfe
Dave Worrell
Peggy Worrell

Debra Woods
Leah Wright
Larry Yeargan
Judy Youtsey
Fred Zeller
Marvin Zmotony



Freshman officers are from left to right: Paul Wade, Bob Frank, Paul Kelley, Lynn Casey, Rhonda Galyardt, Eddie Brown, Steve Porter, DeAnn Gaither, Glenda Hull, Susie Dobbins.

Youngest Class Starts Year With Bang

This year's freshman class got into the swing of things marvelously by starting out the year with a meeting of all members of their class. At this meeting the freshmen learned about student government and nominated and elected their first class officers.

Of course, money is important to every class and the freshmen had to build up their account for future years. Their first project under the direction of Eddie Brown was a pop bottle drive which was quite successful. After they got used to being businessmen they held several bake sales down town. These proceeds will finance the class party planned for the end of the year.

A new teacher and coach, Mr. Robert Reed, is the advisor to the new class of TUHS.

First semester freshman class officers were as follows:
President—Eddie Brown
Vice President—Rhonda Galyardt
Secretary—Lynn Casey
Treasurer—Steve Munson
Social Director—Paul Wade
ICC Rep.—Bob Frank
Exec. Rep.—Paul Kelley

Second semester officers were as follows:
President—Steve Porter
Vice President—DeAnn Gaither
Secretary—Glenda Hull
Treasurer—Susie Dobbins
ICC Rep.—Bob Frank
Exec. Rep.—Paul Kelley

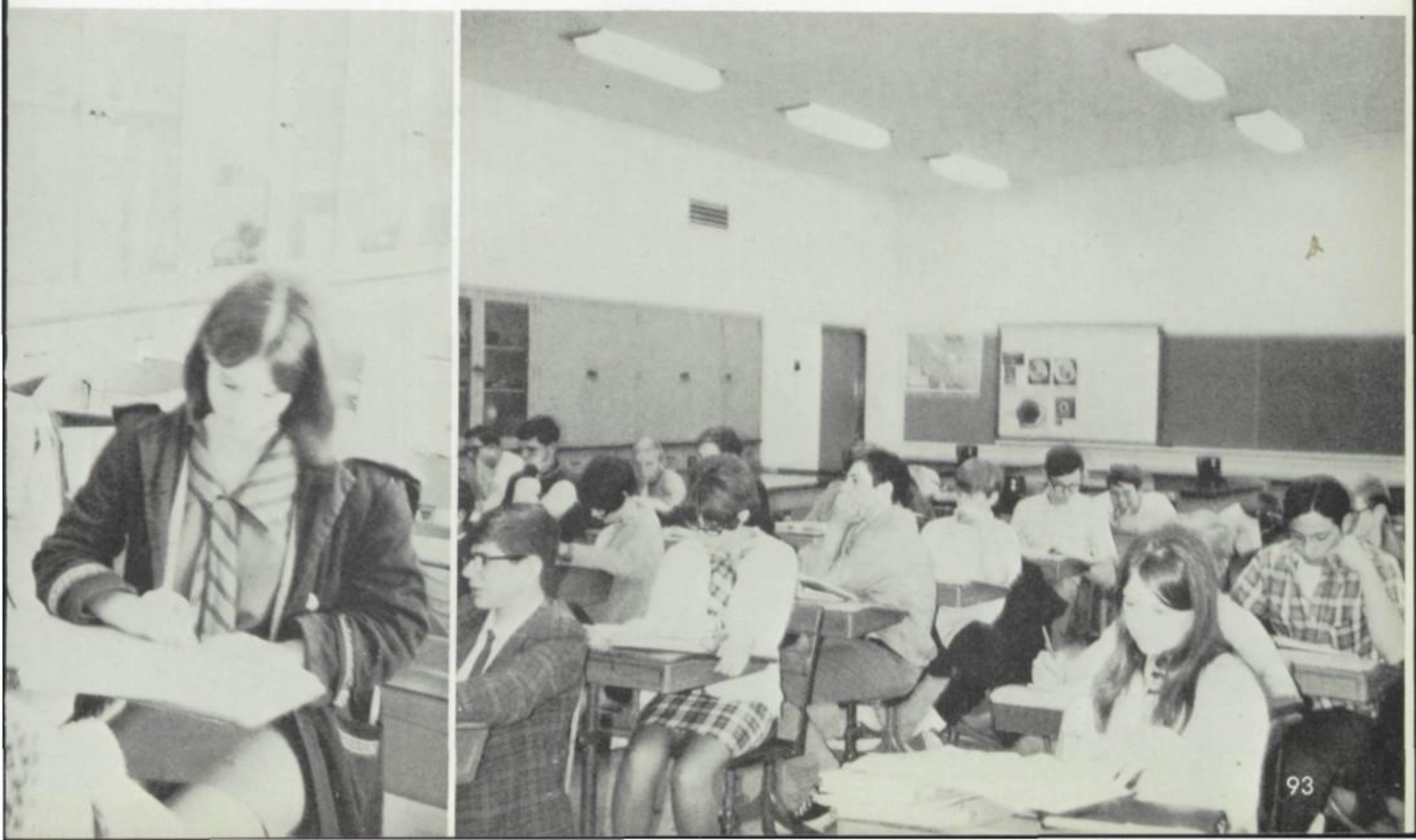
Cecil Abney
Peggy Adams
Norman Adkins
Robert Adkins
Bill Akers
Ruby Albertson

Geary Alexander
Gary Ammeraal
Linda Anderson
Ronnie Anderson
Teresa Armstrong
Keith Arndt

Sherry Arnold
Tom Ashton
John Ballou
Bill Banerdt
Sherry Barker
Dennis Barnard

Sylvia Barron
Leah Bass
Patricia Baumgartner
Vickie Baxter
Vickie Belin
Janet Bench

Pam Smith works out an algebra problem while a science class takes notes during a lecture.



Robert Bendel
Traci Benge
Debbie Bingham
Charleen Blanco

Cheryle Blanco
Paul Blanton
Crystal Bledsoe
Tom Blevins

Mike Bonsal
Jerry Boulton
Cathi Boyd
Barbara Bright

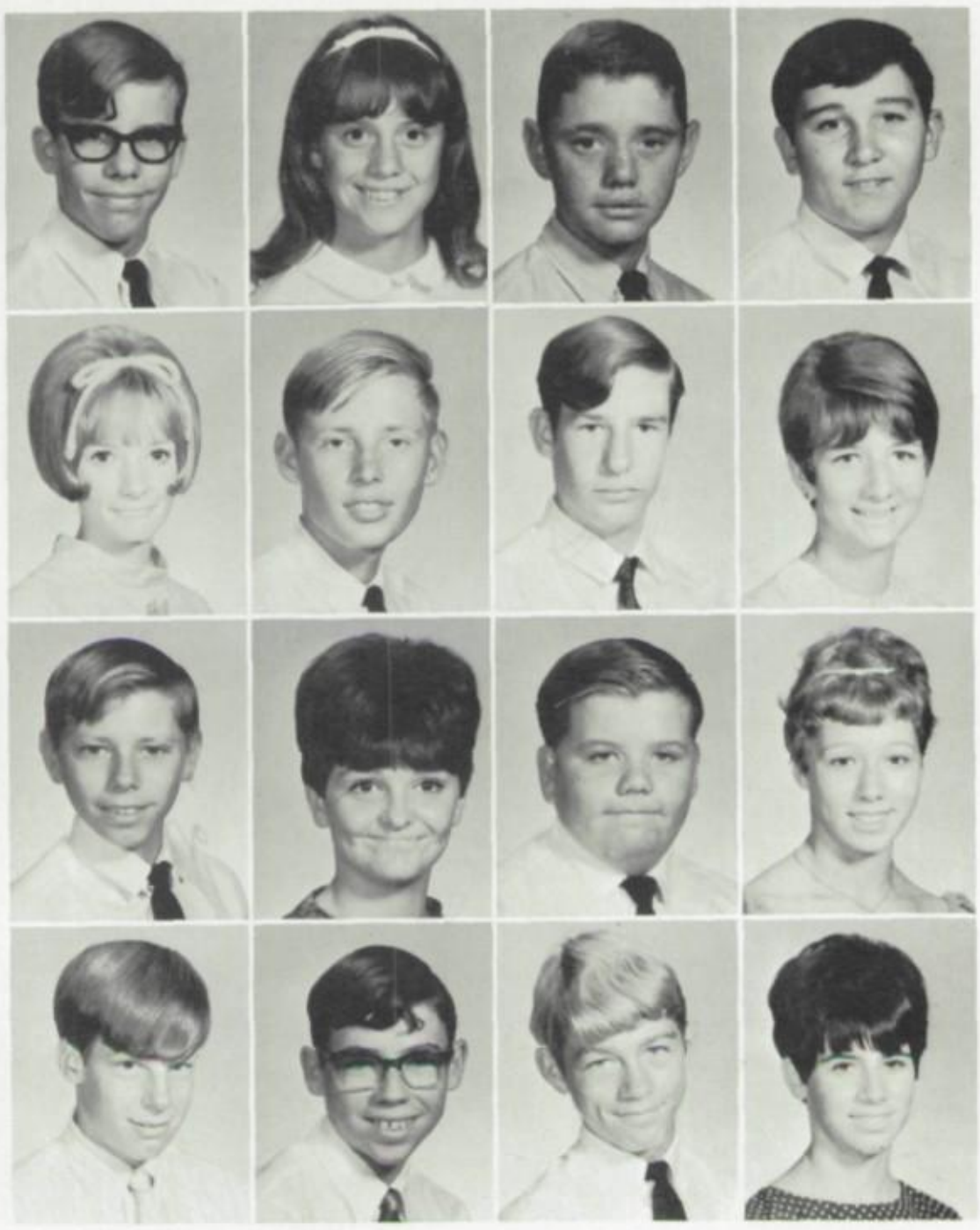
Doreen Brock
Sharon Brookover
Edwin Brown
Tom Brown

Freshman were ho

Sheryl Bryan
Mary Bryant
John Cannon
Larry Carrol
Lynn Casey
David Cash

Marcia Cates
Dave Causey
Johnny Chandler
Bruce Christenson
Helen Cloud
Kenneth Coats

Brenda Cook
Sue Copeland
Brenda Cox
Linda Cox
Steve Craft
Steve Cramer



Bruce Crane
Ann Crabb
Tim Crabb
Tommy Crabb

Chris Curry
Tommy Dahna
Karl Daily
Angela Davis

Danny Davis
Georgia Davis
Norman DeLozier
Robin Denesha

Kerry Deremer
Mike Dillingham
Richard Dixon
Susie Dobbins

working and kind.

Rick Dole
David Downey
Linda Duclos
Steve Duke
Darin Dykes
Joy Dean Earls

Jeannie Ecklund
David Edgecomb
Jimmie Edwards
Sue Ellis
Dennis Eubanks
Karen Eveland

Sharon Eveland
Eddie Everett
Debbie Fagot
Connie Fanshier
Linda Farmer
Greg Farrow

The Class of 1972 Laughed . . .

Ron Fellobaum
Paul Fleckenstein
Vicki Fleming
Larry Floyd
Robin Fowler
Sandra Frakes

Robert Frank
Kurt Freeman
Nancy Fultz
Greg Furr
Beckie Gage
Deann Gaither

Rhonda Galyardt
Benny Garges
Sam Garner
Dennis Gathings
Elaine Geherty
Martha Gentry

Gail Gienger
Sherrie Gill
Kathryn Grant
Gary Graupman
Kenneth Gregg
Glenda Gregory

Bonnie Gromer
Valerie Halcomb
Theresa Haliburton
James Halphin
Karen Hamby
Don Hamilton

Gary Hamilton
Shawn Hamilton
Susan Hampton
Margaret Hardt
Barlow Hatch
Brad Hatch

Charlene Hatch
Keith Hatton
Danny Hawley
Lucy Hellier
Arlew Herman
John Herrod

Caren Hibbard
Johnny Hicks
Odette Higley

Melody Hill
Connie Hoff
Patrisha Holland

Alan Hollingsworth
Brian Hollingsworth
Don Hollingsworth

Martin Horn
Pattie Horn
Ken Hoskins

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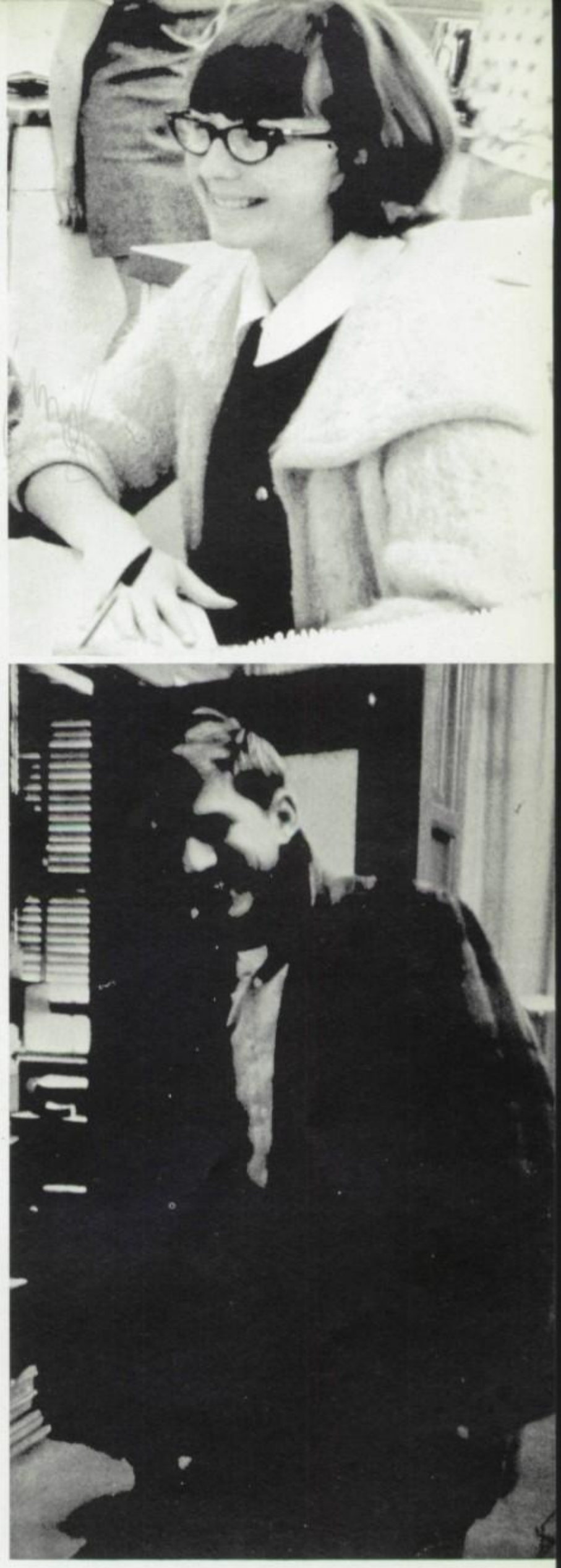
Edward Houk
Tony Howe
Debbie Hudson

Glenda Hull
Carol Hurley
Terri Hurst



Top: Nancy Jacobs finds school life amusing.

Bottom: Rick Riddick smiles for the camera.

Judy Ivy
Mike Jackson
Robert Jackson
Sue Jackson
Dale Jacobs
Nancy Jacobs

Curtis Jenkins
Sam Jenkins
Troy Jenkins
Robin Jensen
Rick Jett
Craig Johns

Christine Johnson
Mark Johnson
Velma Johnson
Glynis Jones
Wayne Kabrich
Marylen Karsted

Raelene Keeler
Paul Kelley
Gail Kennedy
Robert Kinsey
Nancy Knowles
Ralph Langdon

Freshman Were Hard Workers

Mike Lardy
Gary Lead
Marianne Leijder
Pam Lippert

Steve Litle
Mark Lloyd
Earl Logan
Karen Lyon

Paul Wade concentrates

Marvin Lyon
Ricky Mace
Joanne MacLean
Patricia Madden
Valerie Madsen
David Magee

Cindy Markiewicz
Randy Mathews
Ron Matthews
Sandra Maxwell
Tom Maxwell
Tekla Maynes

Jim McAnalley
Connie McDonel
Jim McDow
Melissa McKeeman
Donna McKnight
Chris Meday

Bill Messenger
Darrall Messenger
Loree Metsch
Charlotte Monk
Roger Montgomery
Carol Morris

on his work.

A Freshman English class hard at work.

Gary Morris
Gary Morrow
Jay Morrow
Steven Morse
Bob Morton
Steve Millard

Lois Miller
Stanley Miller
Dennis Mitchel
Sheryl Mitchell
Jim Mundy
Steven Munson

Robert Neiswonger
Bill Nelson
Debbie Nelson
Steve Nettles
Carla Newsom
Barbara O'Dell

curses !!!

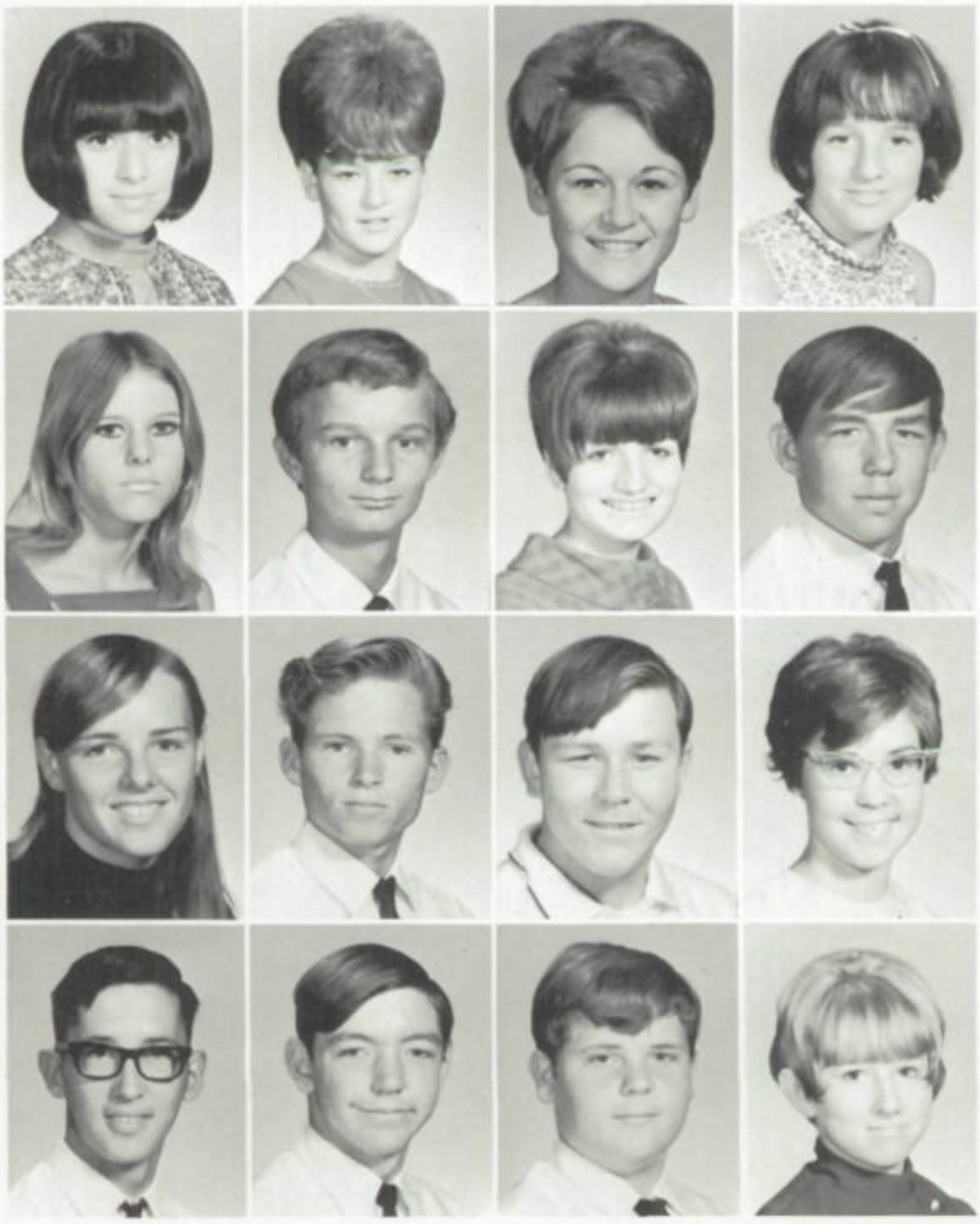
Chris Curry gets

Maria Olivares
April Osborn
Melani Osborn
Alita Oster

Patti Pallett
Bill Palmer
Robyn Palmer
Don Parker

Margy Parker
Tommy Parker
Randy Partain
Paulette Petrey

Thomas Petrey
Randy Petty
Gary Peugh
Pam Preston

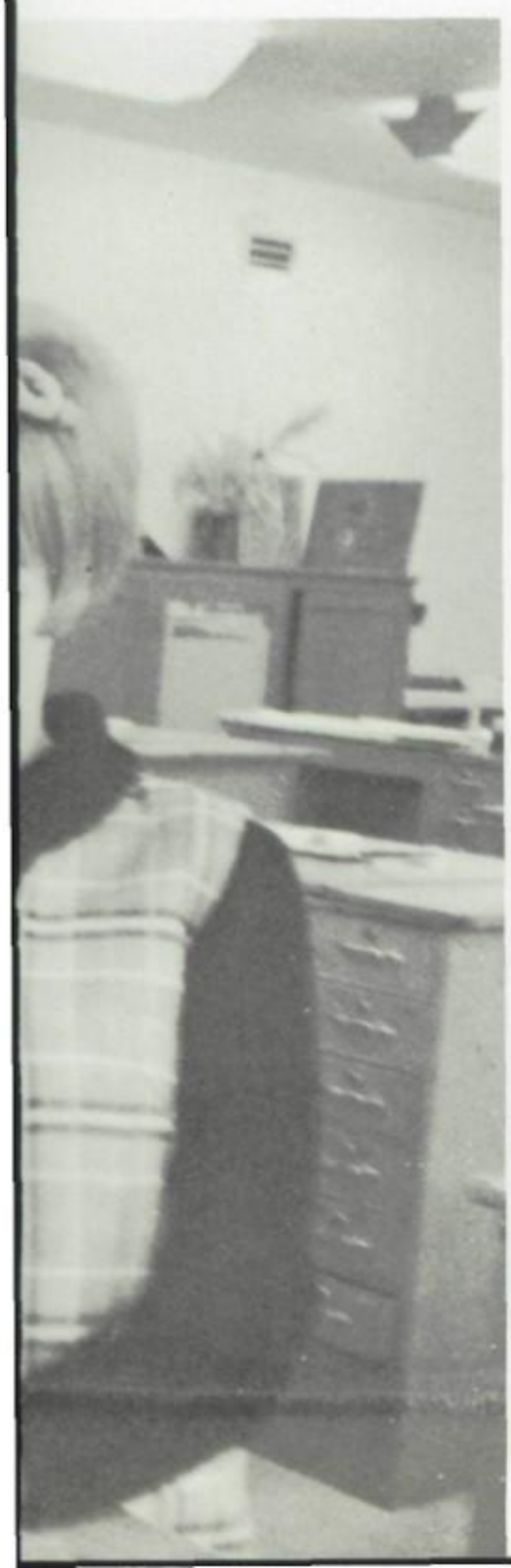


Dolores Prindle
Steven Porter
Tom Porter
Terry Pulham
Debbie Ray
Beverly Rector

Ron Reedy
Paulette Reese
James Reyes
Wayne Reyes
Richard Rhoten
Rick Riddick

Esther Rivas
Wayne Roach
Judy Roberts
Conni Robertson
Randall Robinson
Ronny Robison

aid from friend.



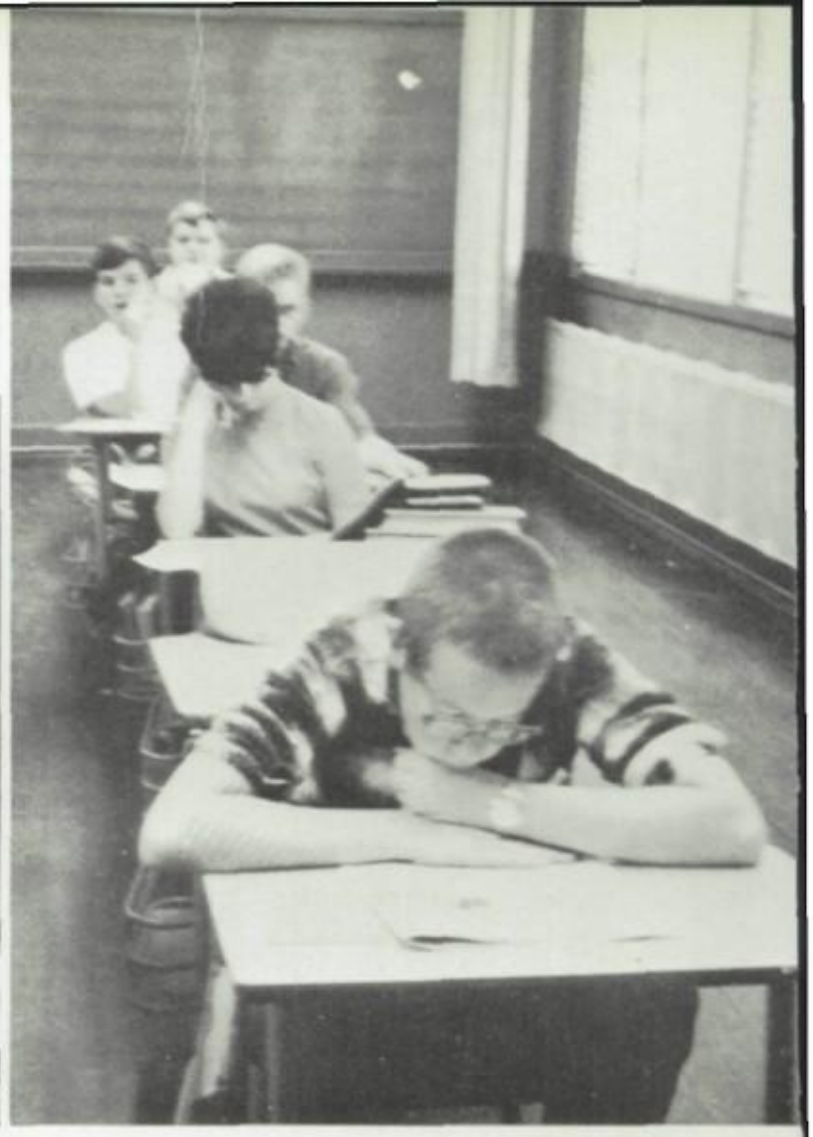
Cheryl Roblyer
Debbie Rogers
Sharon Rogers
Sherry Rogers

Dawn Rosenburg
Ginger Rushing
Debbie Russell
Mark Russell

Don Rutherford
Mona Sagaser
Daniel Sanborn
Jeri Sather

Lynn Scaggs
Claudia Scarborough
Gail Scarborough
Betty Schardein

Freshman begin to learn French.



Class of '72' hard at work in English.

Clinton Seal
Dennis Self
Vicki Seay
Brenda Sharp
Rickey Short
Lorri Sills

Mel Sills
John Simpson
Patricia Skinner
Raynell Slentz
Carol Smith
Mike Smith

Pam Smith
Roger Smith
Sharlyn Smith
Teddy Smith
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Dick Stewart
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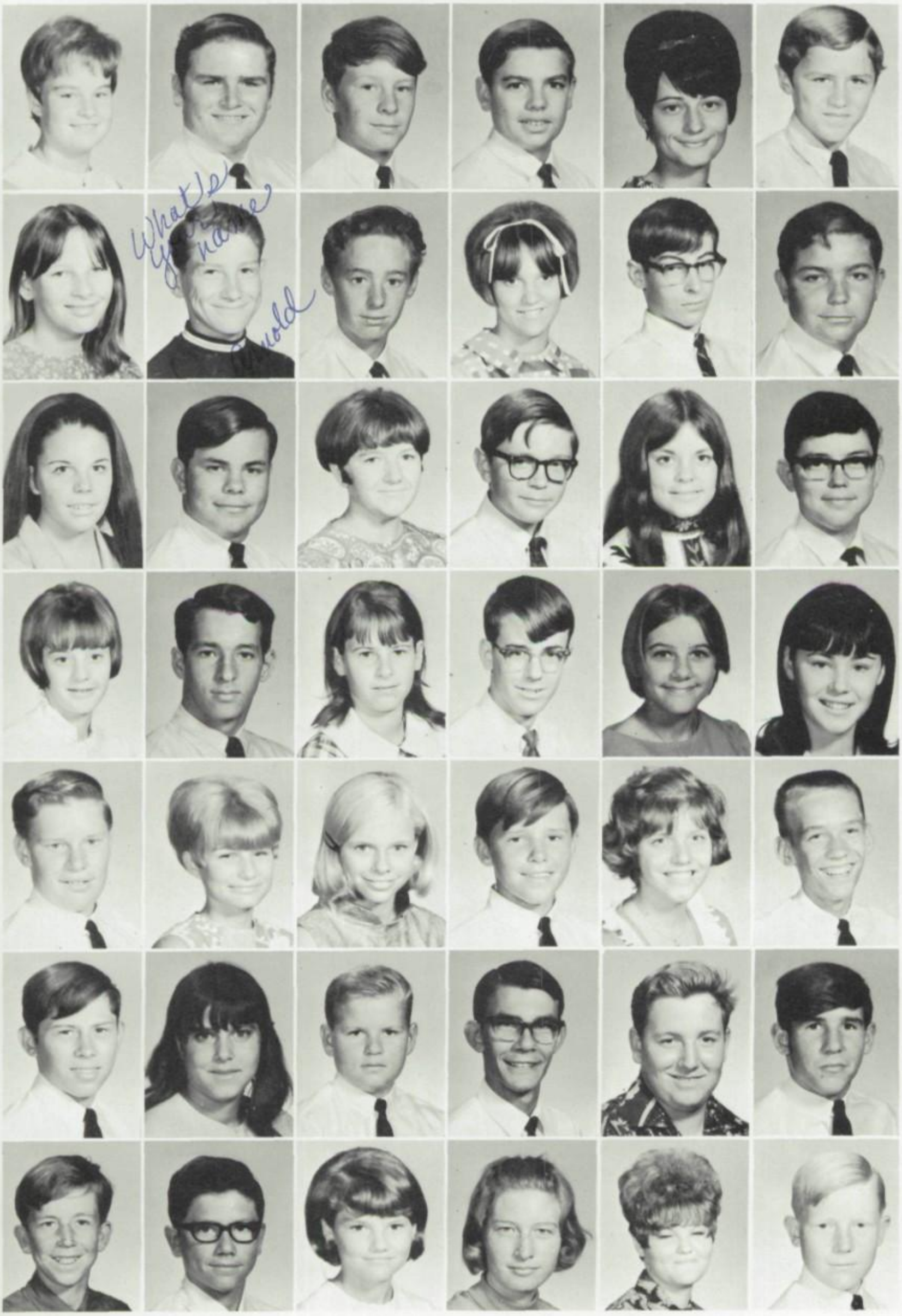
Kimberlin Stewart

The Class of 72 Had Varied Classes



Denise Strong
Earl Sullivan
Larry Sullivan
Kenneth Sumner
Kathi Sutton
Jeff Sweaney

Kathie Taylor
William Taylor
Mike Teague
Welanda Teel
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Timmy Tims

Taryn Trahan
Rick Trout
Amy Turner
Thomas Turner
Susie Twisselman
Steve Vaughan

Colleen Veitch
Paul Wade
Karen Walker
Alan Ward
Debbie Watkins
Kathleen Watkins

John Watts
Kathie Weston
Shirley Westersund
Alvin White
Tina White
Jeff Willingham

Bob Wilson
Emile Wilson
Ricky Windes
Freddie Wingo
David Winter
Bill Wood

Ernie Woods
Greg Woosley
Melody Woosley
Barbara Worrell
Carla Wright
Steve Wright

Activities

Frosh Reception Starts Off Year

The Freshman Reception started off the social season for 1968-69 on September 6 and officially welcomed the freshmen and new students to Taft High. The affair, sponsored by the Executive Council, was held, as always, on the first Friday of the school year in the cafeteria.

Awards were given to Linda Anderson and Rick Riddick for being "The Couple Most Likely To Succeed." Jeff Sweaney received the "Most Likely To Become A Cop" award, and Paul Kelley was given the honor of "Most Likey To Become A Playboy." Carol Smith was considered "Most Likely To Be On The Boys' Tennis Team," and DeAnn Gaither received the "Daisies Won't Tell Award."

The cafeteria was decorated with green, yellow, and pink crepe paper, and daisies were hung from the ceiling. Students danced from 8:30 til 11:30 to the music of the Unknowns, and the Executive Council sold cokes to those that were thirsty. For those that were hungry there were free cookies.

Judy Seppi, ASB secretary, was general chairman for the dance. Those assisting her on the awards committee were Pam Colston, Marjorie Coonrod, and Becky Herrod.

Jeff Sweaney receives his award from ASB president Dave Thacher.

Judy Seppi admires the prize Linda Anderson received while Jeff Cooper waves to the cameraman.

Students gather at the refreshment table for cookies and coke.

Daisys Wed Abners at Sadie Hawkins

The annual Sadie Hawkins girls-ask-boy affair was held October 18 at the cafeteria following the game with San Joaquin. Some 300 Daisy Maes and Lil Abners attended the dance sponsored by the Les Salutaires Club. Music was supplied by the Freckled Morning.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of awards to the students. Pam Colston and John Livengood were named the 'Most Likely To Succeed,' and Donna Rountree and Bob Davis received the award of 'Most Likely To Get A Divorce.' Paulette Johnson and Steve Black captured the distinction of the "dorkiest" couple.

This year, many of the chaperons dressed appropriately for the dance, and Mrs. Don Hall and Mrs. Jim Gaither won the title of the best dressed chaperons.

Marryin' Sams for the evening were various members of the Les Salutaires Club. Mary Garcia was the Chairman of the dance.

Connie Williams and Nelson Robinson wait for their turn to be married.

Terry Elom and Ron Carroll enjoy themselves at Sadie Hawkins.

Mark Batson and Micki Mathews are married, and Harlon Keller waits in line.

Donna Rountree and Bob Davis pose after receiving the award of "Most Likely To Get A Divorce."

Homecoming Week Rated Big Success

This year's Homecoming Week started off with a pancake breakfast. Rally Commission sponsors Homecoming Week, and it was held November 12-15.

Tickets were sold for the pancake breakfast at $.35 a plate. The highlight of the morning was the pancake eating contest. Jim Durkan, representing the sophomore class, was the winner after eating a total of 15 pancakes. Other contestants were Allen Jennings, junior class; Rick Vaughn, the senior class; and Eddie Brown, the freshman class.

On Wednesday the car bash was held during both lunch periods. That evening there was a night rally, and a coffin representing Arvin was burned.

Before school on Thursday the football players and the cheerleaders were auctioned off to the highest bidder in the annual slave auction. Louise Morris, varsity cheerleader, was the most expensive slave and sold for $2.00.

Something new was added this year in the form of a snake dance. Since serpentines in cars are illegal, students had a walking serpentine.

A rally was held 7th period on Friday, and the cheerleaders and songleaders performed.

Winding up Homecoming Week for 1968 was the football game between the Wildcats and the Arvin Bears and the Homecoming Dance.

Mickey Young adds another dent to the already smashed car during the car bash.

Students cheer during the Homecoming rally.

Cheerleaders Dave McCarthy, Bob Beyn, and Mike Daniel perform during the night rally.

Flames consume the coffin containing Arvin at the night rally.

Songleaders Lorrita Fitch, Pegi Sprung, and Karen Miwa perform at the Homecoming rally.

Students decorate the throne for the Homecoming Dance.

Louise Morris urges Jim Durkan to eat more pancakes during the pancake eating contest.

'68 Season Closes With Homecoming

The Homecoming Week activities came to a rewarding end Friday night, November 15, at the annual Homecoming Dance held after the game between the Arvin High Bears and the Taft Wildcats.

The feature at halftime was bowing out of the band and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and her Court. The court consisted of Ann Fritzie, queen; Marlene Cook, Connie Gaither, Wendy Seppi, and Louise Morris, princesses.

The Homecoming Dance, sponsored by the junior class, was held in the school cafeteria from 11:30 to 12:00 honoring the queen and her court. Music was supplied by the "Freckled Morning."

Decorations were fashioned in the colors of blue and gold. The throne consisted of a large block "T" stuffed with blue and gold tissues.

General chairman for the dance was Cathy Harris.

Homecoming queen Ann Fritzie smiles radiantly.

Cindy Haskins and Valerie Gianopulos enjoy themselves at the Homecoming Dance.

Students dance to the music of the "Freckled Morning."

ASB president crowns Ann Fritzie.

(opposite page) Homecoming queen Ann Fritzie poses with princesses Marlene Cook, Connie Gaither, Louise Morris, and Wendy Seppi.

Judy Crowned Queen At Christmas Ball

Judy Seppi reigns as queen at the Christmas Ball.

"A Merry Little Christmas" was chosen as the theme for the annual Christmas Ball sponsored by the Girls' League.

Judy Seppi reigned as queen of the ball held in the cafeteria December 14 from 9:00 to 12:00. Her court consisted of senior princess Kris Hall, junior princess Kathy Paine, sophomore princess Kathy Cooper, and freshman princess Rhonda Galyardt.

The bids for the Christmas Ball were very unique because no two bids were exactly alike. They came in three colors.

The color scheme for the dance was red and green. The throne consisted of a large sleigh with snow surrounding it.

Supplying the music for the dance was the Picardy Third. Janice King, a new attraction, made her debut as soloists for the evening.

Kathy Griffin serves punch.

Members of the band, the Picardy Third, pose for the camera.

Donna Rountree sells bids at the door for those that forgot to get their's early.

(opposite page) The court for the Christmas Ball consisted of sophomore princess Kathy Cooper, senior princess Kris Hall, queen Judy Seppi, junior princess Kathy Paine, and freshman princess Rhonda Galyardt.

"Night Must Fall" Chosen As Jr. Play

The Junior Class presented "Night Must Fall" on January 3 and 4. It drew a rather small crowd due to the fact that it was presented during Christmas vacation.

The lead roles were played by Cindy Rhoten, Kris Hall, Bob Davis, Jan Hendricks, and Richard Owen. Supporting roles were done by Laurie Conger, Kathy Paine, and Doug McLean.

The plot of the story was interesting, and it held the audience's attention throughout the two performances. Many different things contributed to the success of the two evenings. The plot concerned a murder mystery, but comic moments were supplied by Cindy Rhoten and Jan Hendricks. In the plot there is a murderer loose in Mrs. Bramson's neighborhood and Olivia, played by Kris Hall, suspects Mrs. Bramson's new helper Dan, played by Richard Owen.

The fine directing and leadership ability was given by Mr. Leland Robinson. Cindy Lusk was responsible for the excellent costumes, and Marlene Michel and Kris Hall handled the make-up. Jeanne Thompson was in charge of the publicity, and Judy Ring managed the sound effects and music.

Although the first performance was good, many of the characters agreed that Saturday's was better, which is only to be expected because of first time jitters.

Cindy Rhoten, Doug McLean, Jan Hendricks,

The Cast

Cindy Rhoten.....Mrs. Bramson

Kris Hall.....Olivia Grayne

Bob Davis.....Hubert Laurie

Jan Hendricks.....Mrs. Terence

Richard Owen.....Dan

Doug McLean.....Inspector Belsize

Kathy Paine.....Dora Parkoe

Laurie Congor.....Nurse Libbey

Cindy Rhoten practices her role as Mrs. Bramson, an invalid.

and Kris Hall in a scene from "Night Must Fall"

Doug McLean practices his lines as Inspector Belsize.

Inspector Belsize, played by Doug McLean, meets Hubert Laurie, played by Bob Davis.

Jan Hendricks, Mrs. Terence, gives Cindy Rhoten a purse during play practice.

Hippie Theme Means Out Of Sight Dance

The Hippie Dance, held January 18 from 9:30 to 11:30, proved to be an 'out of sight' dance at Taft High as many students dressed in Hippie attire.

Prizes were given for the "Best Dressed Couple", which went to Jim Peterson and Pennie Martin, "Most Original Girl", Diana Dobbins, and "Most Original Boy", Mike Daniel.

Decorations for the dance consisted of various posters which were hung in different fashions on the walls.

Psychedelic posters, which were made by members of the Art Club were sold as well as cokes.

The dance was sponsored by the Art and Drama Clubs, and general chairmen for the affair were Joan Richard and Donna Rountree.

The band was the 'Monterey Blue' which consists of John Mello, Bob Kehoe, and John Clark.

Pennie Martin and Jim Peterson enjoy Splendor in the Grass.

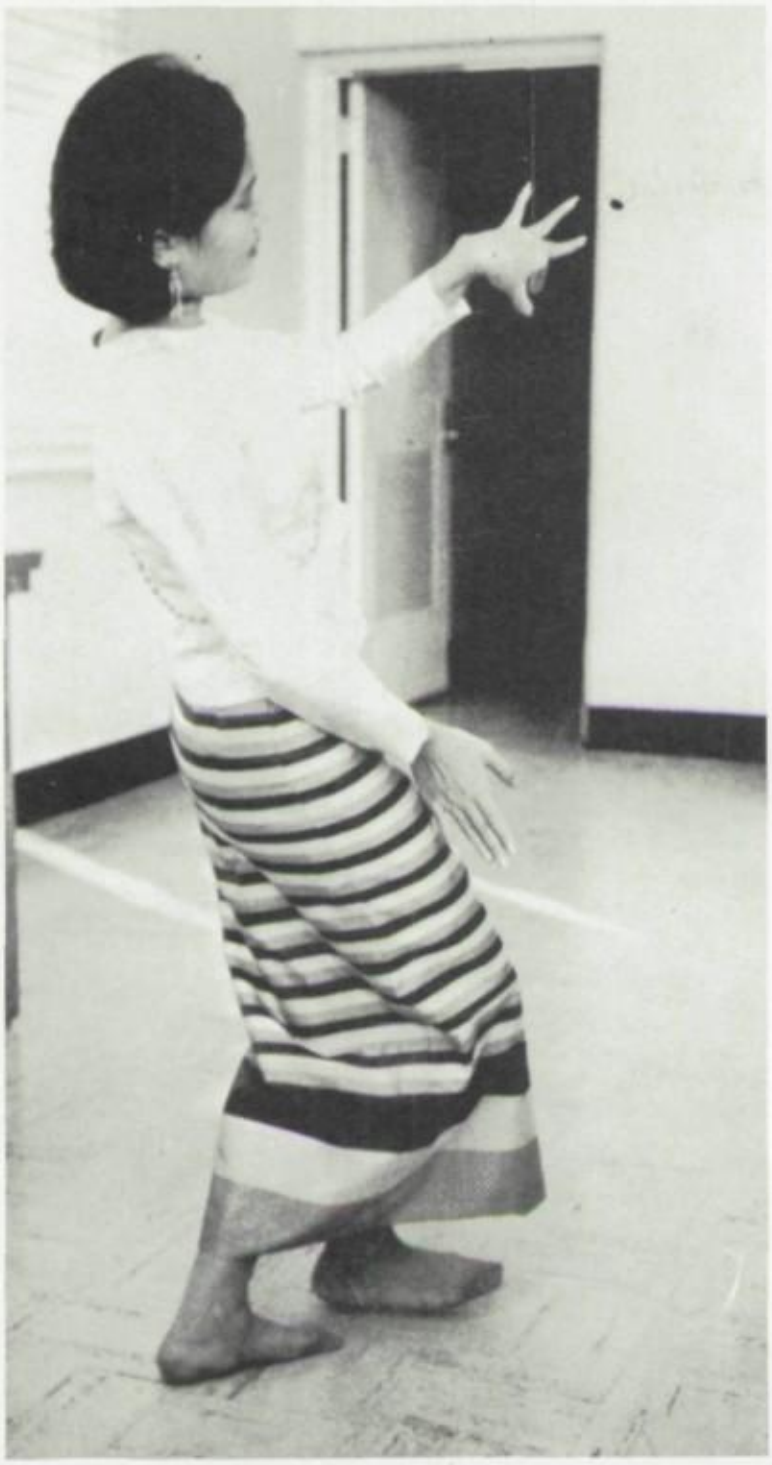
Diana Dobbins poses as she receives her prize.

Students listen attentively as prizes are being awarded

Mike Daniel shows off his shaving kit which he won for a prize.

The Monterey Blue play under the watchful gaze of Jimi Hendrix.

AFS Hosts Student On Exchange Week



Sujinda demonstrates a Thailand dance to students at an AFS party.

During Exchange Week, while Taft's AFS student Marie Brink was in Santa Clara, Sujinda Tawasay, AFS student from McLane High School in Fresno, came to Taft to stay.

Sujinda stayed with the W.E. Downing family from February 8-15, and during this time she got a chance to compare life in a small American town compared to a large one.

The first day Sujinda arrived there was an AFS tea at the Ed Cole's. This gave students an opportunity to meet Sujinda.

During the week Sujinda visited many classrooms and was taken around by different students. On Tuesday she went to the tennis match at South High School, where her temporary sister, Janet Downing, was competing.

On February 15 Sujinda attended the Cinderella Ball with ASB president Dave Thacher. The Student Body bought her a corsage of white roses for the dance.

In Fresno Sujinda stays with the Tom Fife family. She attends McLane High School. In June she will return to her native country of Thailand.

Sujinda demonstrates her flexibility with her hands.

Janet Downing, Sujinda, and Debbie Downing pose together. Sujinda stayed with the Downings.

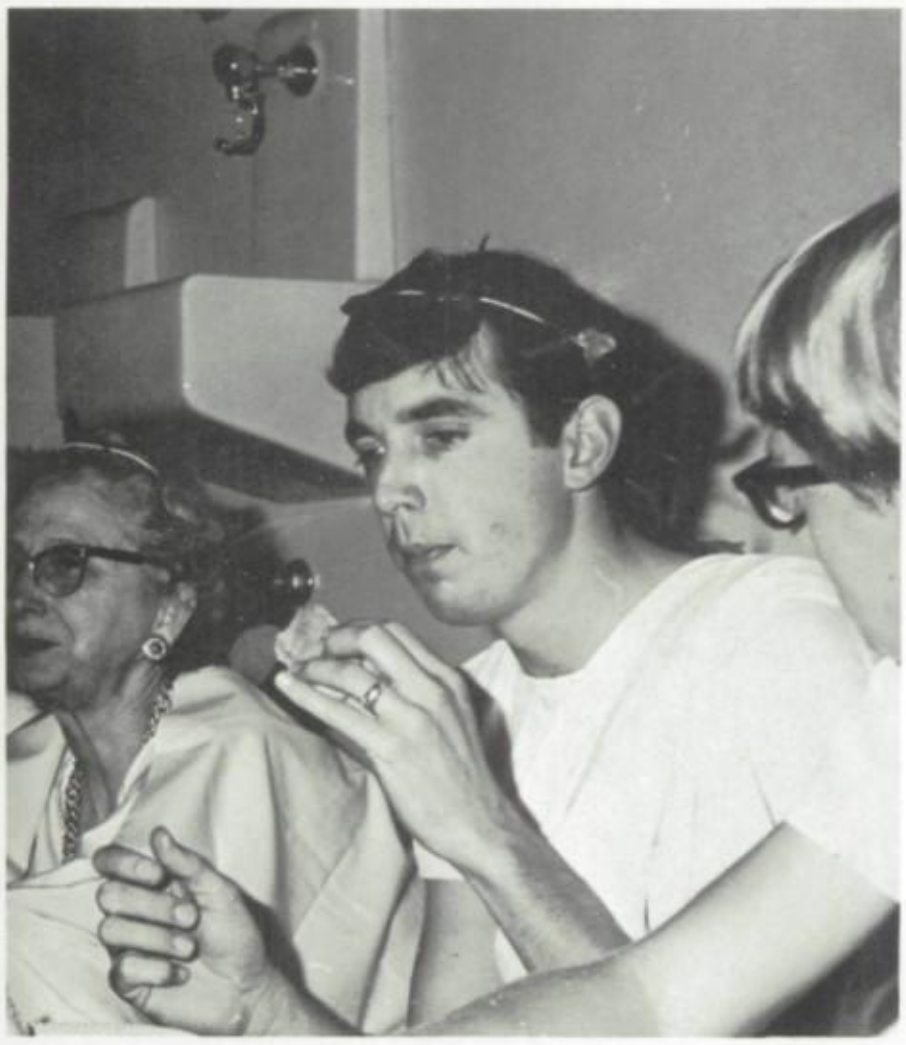
Inter Nos Feasts At Latin Banquet

Murals, trees and other greenery transformed the faculty dining room into Mount Olympus, the home of gods and goddesses, for several hours on February 4, while Taft High's Latin Club, Inter Nos, held its annual banquet.

To further the feeling of Roman times the members of Inter Nos attended the banquet dressed as famous Romans, gods and goddesses, and slaves. Guests were attired in the traditional toga and stola worn by Roman men and women. Initiates of the club, the slaves, were dressed in appropriate costume, a toga. Everyone entered gaily as they were introduced at the door by Bob Ransom.

The auctioning of slaves, conducted by Paul O'Brien, preceded the meal. Each slave served the guest who had purchased his services. At the end of the evening the slaves were made citizens.

The four course dinner was served to the banqueteers at low tables. Entertainment, including original skits, was presented between courses.



Roger Clark asks Mr. Gamon a question while Mrs. Bell enjoys her food.

Debbie Downing eats her dinner while she watches the entertainment.

Guests clean their plates at the banquet.

Frenchmen Feast At Annual Mardi Gras

The faculty dining room was converted into Cafe de Paris on February 18 while the French Club held their annual Mardi Gras.

People crossed a bridge to enter the cafe, where small tables were shaded by umbrellas. The walls were decorated with bright posters of different places in France.

The highlight of the evening was the dinner, which was served by the valets (first year students in the club). First came the appetizers which consisted of cheese, crackers, seasame sticks, carrots. cucumbers, cauliflower, and banana flakes. Then there was a salad of cottage cheese and peaches. The main dinner consisted of sirloin tip steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans with almonds. Sherry cake and a variety of kinds of ice-cream were served for dessert. The wine for the evening was made from grape juice and seven-up.

Entertainment was provided by the valets when they pushed toy cars with their noses in a race. After a series of races, Nelson Robinson came out the grand winner, after barely beating Nick Ellis.

A prize was given for the best costume, and after serious deliberation the judges finally agreed that the winner was Brenda Pracy. Brenda had worn a Russian dancing costume.

Jim Swigart shows the others how to drink wine.

Nick Ellis serves a table.

Cindy Cairns and Peggy Toof prepare to race their cars.

Students toast each other.

Small Crowd Enjoys "Hearts and Roses"

For a few days rumors spread across the campus that the Cinderella Ball would be cancelled, but the rumors proved to be false, and the ball went off as planned on February 15.

The theme of the ball, "Hearts and Roses", was expressed in pink and red. Special attention was given to the center piece, a large heart of red and pink tissue paper hung from the cafeteria ceiling.

The decoration plans were accomplished under the chairmanship of Shelly Wheeler.

"Cinderella" of the ball was Cheryl Morris, chosen by popular vote. There were no princesses at this year's dance as this was the first ball under the new tradition of choosing only one "Cinderella". This new ruling was passed by the school's Executive Council.

As the ball's "Cinderella", Cheryl, dressed in baby blue, was escorted to the throne of hearts and roses by junior Danny Whyte.

Refreshments were served to the crowd who danced to music provided by the Monterey Blue.

"Cinderella" Cheryl Morris poses with her bouquet of roses.

Pam Whittiker and date Don Summers enjoy themselves at the Cinderella Ball.

The theme for the dance was expressed in the throne.

(Opp. page) Cheryl Morris was chosen as "Cinderella"

The Monterey Blue plays at the dance.

Great Talent Shown At Spring Fling

The Studio Band, under the direction of Louis Spevacek, brought the Spring Fling to a rousing start on February 28. The talent show was sponsored by the Block "T" and Girls' League, and Mr. Ron Matheson and Mrs. Nellie Ballew were in charge.

A trio consisting of Carol Butler, Janice King, and Patty Waller sang three songs, and Mr. Leland Robinson accompanied himself on the guitar while he sang two Spanish songs. He was followed by the Six Sick Senior Singers plus a guitar and bass, who sang hillbilly songs, and Patty Waller did an imitation of ex-President Johnson.

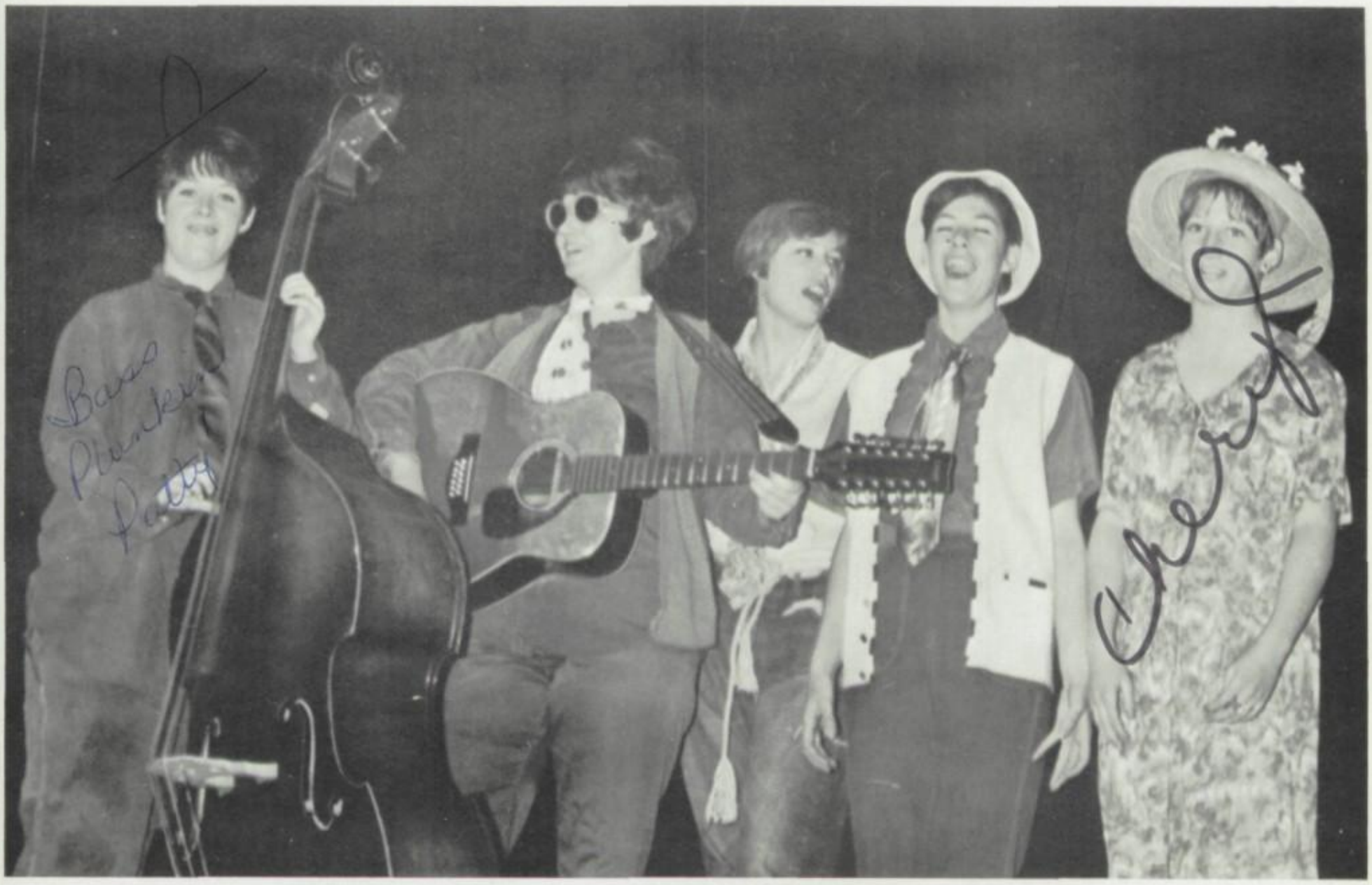
A skit was presented by Richard Koslaski and Cindy Haskins, and they were followed by four girls playing on two pianos. Jim Peterson and Susan Ramage sang a song that Jim had written himself, and Kathy Paine and Donna Rountree followed with a dance. They became mixed-up when the record stuck.

The Picardy Third, Jackie King and her accordion, and a Laugh-in skit were presented in the second half.

Janet Killingsworth asks for applause.

Janice King, Carol Butler, and Patty Waller sing "My Coloring Book".

Jim Peterson and Susan Ramage sing a song that Jim wrote himself.



Patty Waller, Susan Ramage, Peggy Toof, Oleta Kaldenberg, and Cheryl Almgren — "The Six Sick Senior Singers", sing "Jake".

Cindy Rhoten kids Dave Melo about his hair.

Spaniards Enjoy Asado Criollo

Hungry Spaniards wait for their dinner.

The Spanish Club chose to have an Asado Criollo this year, which is of the Argentine culture. The guests were met at the door with the traditional wine and cheese. The guests mingled as they ate, and the affair was quite informal as it is in Argentina. Empenadas, which are small meat pies were followed by salad consisting of carrot and celery sticks, cherry tomatoes, pickles, and hot peppers. The main dish was barbecued beef on a bun. Mr. Robinson played the guitar and sang several songs for the group, then all those present joined in and sang numerous Argentine rancheros. "The really great part about the Asado was the fact that you could go get food anytime you wanted, and not feel like a pig," one student said. "The atmosphere was really relaxed." The general attitude is that the Asado Criollo was a real success.

Are all musicians this grouchy?

Some students mingle while others gorge.

Too much food
to sing anymore.

Girls Invade TUHS

On Friday, March 28, Taft High once again celebrated its traditional levi day, sponsored by the Girls' Athletic Association. Excitement about wearing levis to school wasn't too static among the boys, as it is their usual dress; however, the girls could hardly contain themselves. As a matter of fact they didn't! It was a common sight to see girls digging through garbage cans and climbing through trees?

Classes went on as usual, but as the day progressed one could see that things were much more enjoyable for all.

The fun continued even after the last bell of the day rang. At 8:30 the levi dance, also sponsored by the GAA, began. Under the general chairman, Marsha Evans, the dance was a large success. Coeds attended the dance in entirely correct attire; levis, of course.

Tickets for a door-prize were given at the door and some lucky person was the winner of an album.

All in all the whole day was successful and enjoyed by all.

Everyone agreed that there was no better way to start off the Easter Vacation than to get relaxed and in the mood. The only arguements given were by the teachers who couldn't seem to get control of the students at all that day; but they soon decided there was some sense in the saying "If you can't beat them join 'em" and everyone had a good time.

K. Cambell, M. Matthews, and D. Wilson see no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil.

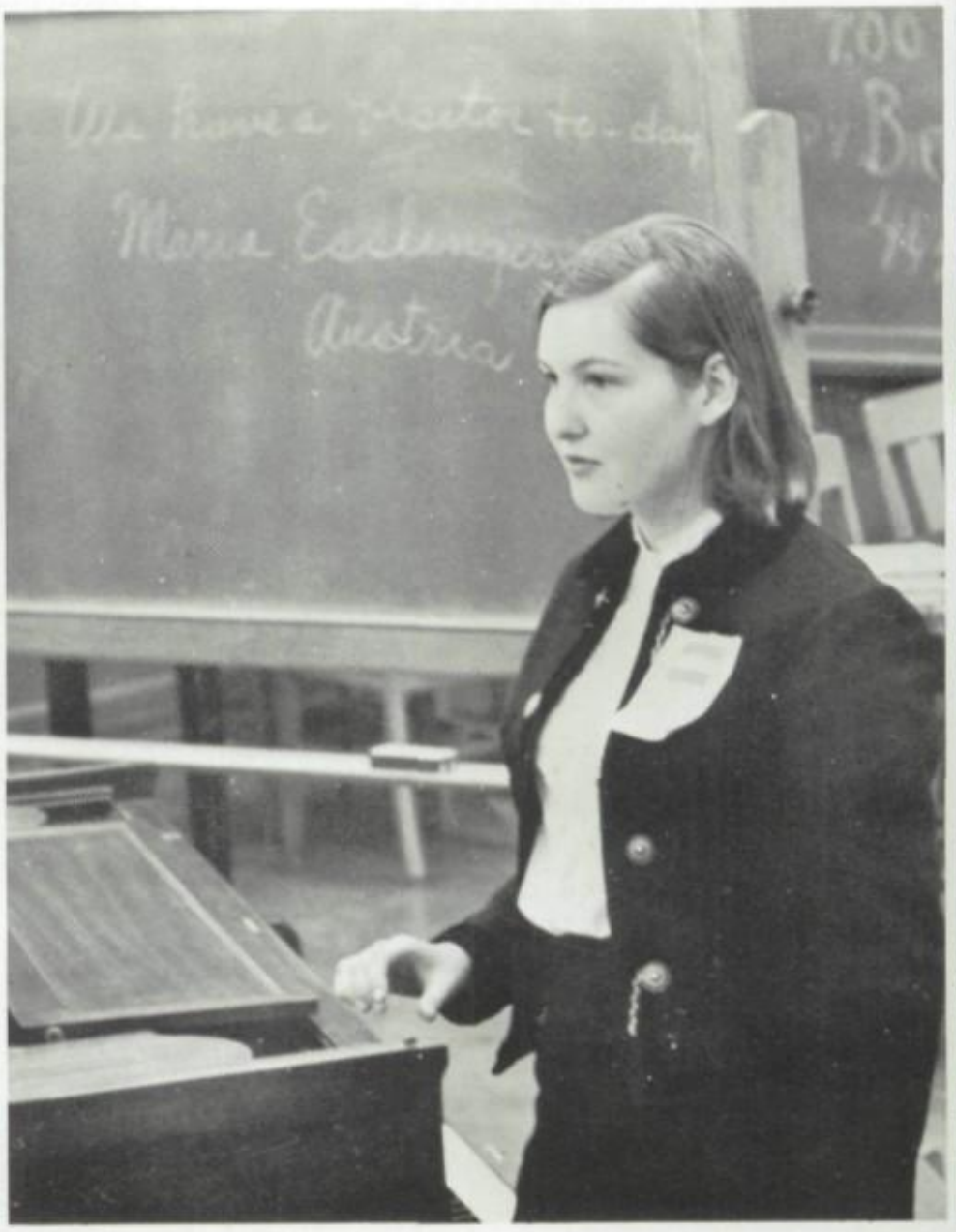
Junior girls give the cameraman a friendly smile.

We all knew Joan Richard was odd.

Junior girls try to "invade" the Derrick and succeed.

Sandy pauses before answering a question.

Fernando lets the Spanish students practice.



Maria from Austria speaks to students in the music room.

All of the AFS students pose together.

Exchange Students Visit On AFS Day

Foreign exchange students from near-by communities visited Taft High on February 28 for the annual AFS Day. They spent the weekend in Taft and returned home on March 2. There were 10 AFS students, not including Marie Brink, Taft's own exchange student. One student from Coalinga was unable to attend because of the bad weather.

The students represented Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Chile, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, and Sweden. They were presented to the student body at an assembly ending AFS Week. During the week there was a Bathing Beauty Contest to provide money for next year's exchange student. Louis Spevacek was winner in the adult division and Dr. Charles Wallace was runner-up. Richard Koslaski was the winner in the student division.

AFS Student Marie Brink Says Good-by

Dear TUHS,

Where do you start a letter like this? I have so many "thank yous" to say.

I remember my first days in Taft. It was unbearably hot after coming out of the cold South African July. But right from the start I felt that I belonged in this town, in so many respects like Montagu.

I also remember my first day at TUHS. I admit it was a hard day—so many confusing new impressions, ways of doing things and above all, new faces. But since that day every day has been better as I got to know more people. I made wonderful friends who mean and always will mean a lot to me. I had wonderful teachers who taught me much more than just their particular subjects.

It was not only the people at school that made life happy, but all the other Taftians, whether I just met them or got to know them well, each had something that I could learn from them. This is why I'm glad for this opportunity of thanking Taft and in particular the school for so much that is causing me to shudder when I think of June—whenever it does slip into my mind. '68-69 has been the shortest year in all my life, but also the most rewarding, thanks to all of you. Be assured that to me Taft isn't the mere dot on the map that it was in June '68—it is my hometown in America and I plan on coming "home" in the near future.

Once again, thank you very, very much.

Marie Brink

Marie Brink

Marie models her native South African dress.

Kathy Phillips poses with her exchange sister Marie.

Ann Fritizie, Homecoming Queen

Students watch Steve Brown display

"Best Dressed" Couple at the hippie dance, Jim Peterson & Penny Martin, stroll through the fields.

Wendy Seppi participates at the car bash during homecoming week.

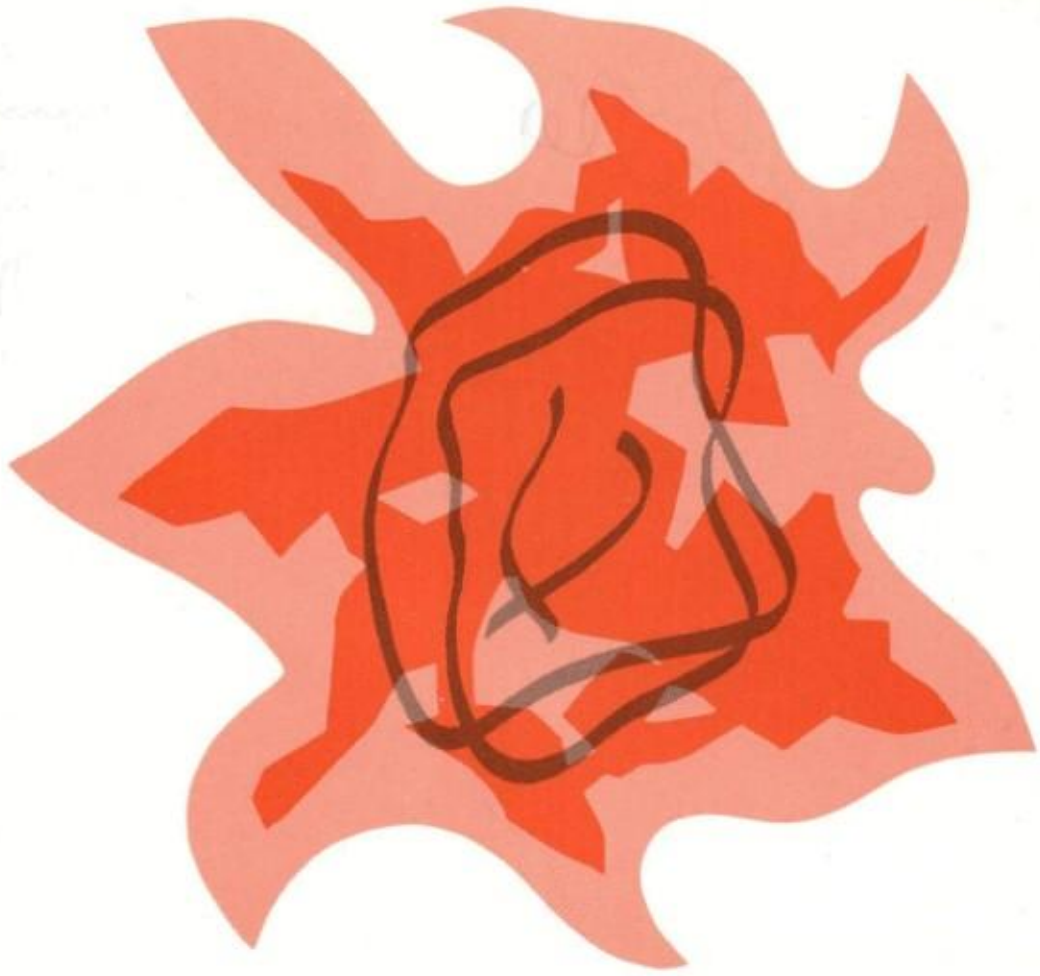
his skill at the long jump

Couples dance to the beat of the "Freckled Morning" at the homecoming dance.

Activities Throughout '69

Jerri Woosley pauses for refreshments at the Christmas ball.

Judy Seppi, escorted by Steve Cairns is on her way to be crowned as "queen" of the 1968 Christmas ball.



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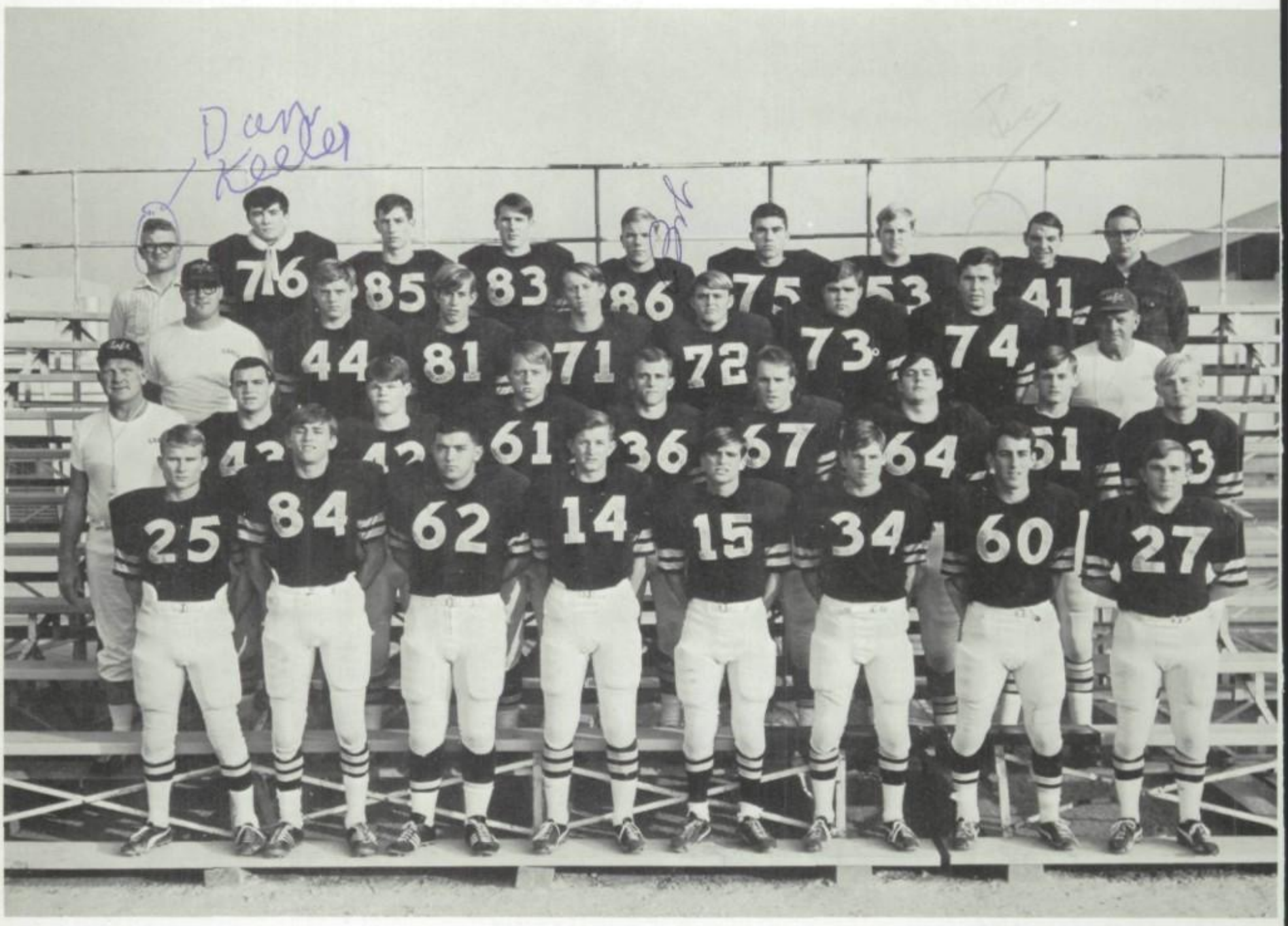

Top row: Mgr. Keller, Johnson, Sanders, Hamlin, Ransom, Cates, Cosum, Haines, Mgr. Brock. 2nd Row: Coach Garret, Keller, Hibbard, Smith, Gregory, Mitchell, Coach Reedy. 3rd Row: Coach Hoffman, Davis, Quary, Shaver, Frank, House, Vaughn, Grantham, Moncier. Bottom Row: Batson, Riddick, McGhee, Carroll, Jennings, Thacher, Ellis, Williams.

Varsity Football

Wildcats Show Great Improvement

The Taft High Wildcats were a much improved team over last season. On the basis of comparative scores, the cats did better against every opponent except Foothill. They met some real tough competition early in the season and turned almost every game into an exciting contest.

After jumping off to a 13-0 lead, the Wildcats lost the opener to Delano 26-13. It was a close game most of the way, but the Taft defense seemed to tire in the fourth quarter. The following week in Madera the Wildcats turned in an impressive 26-20 win. They were then handed a 31-0 defeat by the tough Foothill Trogans in Bakersfield's Memorial Stadium. Following this, the Wildacts played their first home game against the West High Vikings. After an exciting, well-played game, the Cats lost a heartstopper 21-20. Next Taft hosted the San Joaquin Memorial Panthers. In a close game until the end, the Wildcats lost another tough one 12-0. Following this game, Taft started its league games. They began most unusually with the two 0-0 ties against Garces and Shafter. Both games were exciting, hard-fought defensive battles. Next the Cats took on the Wasco Tigers at Wasco. There they won a decisive 18-6 victory. It was Taft's first league win in over a year. With a chance of tying for the league lead, the Cats met Arvin in the last game of the year. The Wildcats lost a 7-0 heartbreak to the Bears.

Mark Batson
Halfback

Dale Brown
Tackle

Ron Carroll
Quarterback

Bob Cates
Tackle

Fred Cossom
Center

Bill Davis
Fullback

Nick Ellis
Guard

Ed Frank
Halfback

Robert Grantham
Center

Harlus Gregory
Tackle

David Haines
End

Stan Hamlin
End

Charles Hibbard
End

David House
Guard

Allen Jennings
Quarterback

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Harlon Keller
Fullback

Tom McGhee
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Dan Mitchell
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Tim Monceir
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Ron Quarry
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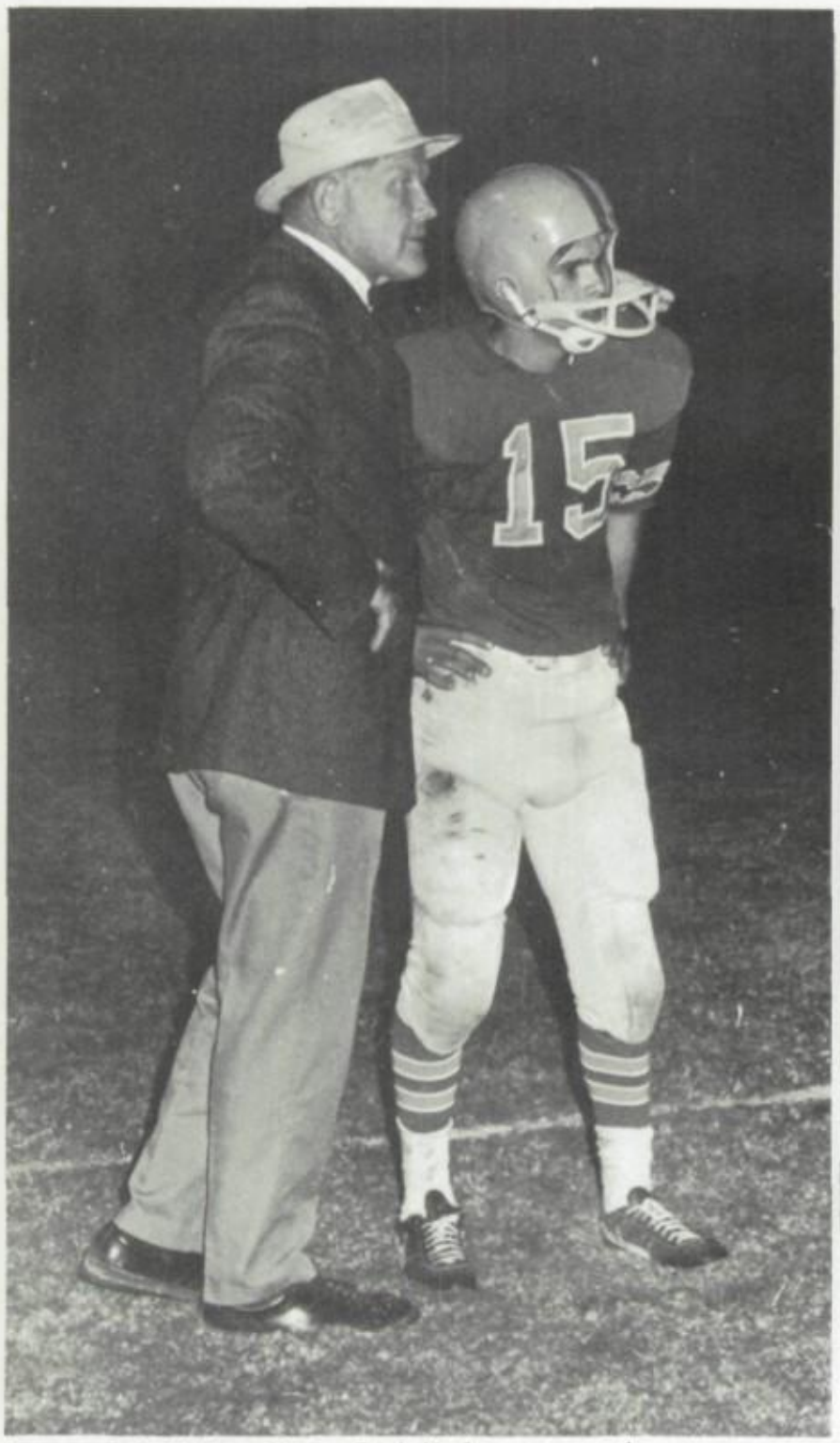
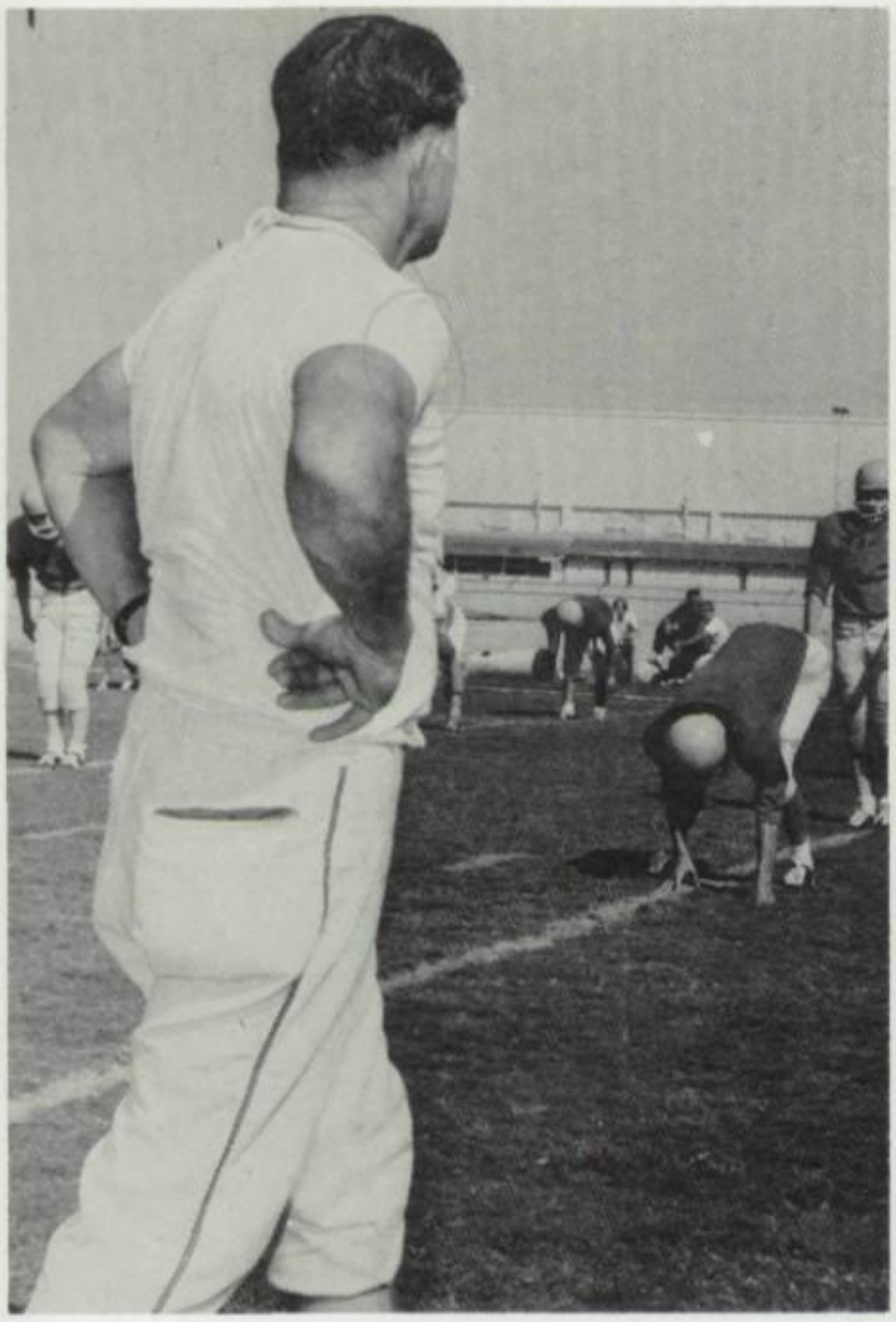


Former Tatt High athlete, Fred Herkimer puts the stop on a Wildcat.

Trainer Tom O'Brien administers smelling salts to Mark Batson.

Allen Jennings receives some last minute instructions from Coach Hoffman.

Harlan Keller moves in to stop a Shafter General.



Coach Bob Hoffman supervises a practice session.

Tim Moncier looks for running room.

Mark Batson receives "Wildcat of the Year" award from Dan Meyers.

Varsity Scoreboard
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Delano	28-13	Taft
Madera	20-26	Taft
Foothill	31-0	Taft
West	21-20	Taft
San Jouqin	12-0	Taft
Garces	0-0	Taft
Shafter	0-0	Taft
Wasco	6-18	Taft
Arvin	7-0	Taft

Coach Curti, Coach Romuld, Owens, Culp, Shapard, Fedawa, Brown, Connon, Scarborough, Bendel, Coach Dudley, Manager, Floyd. Second row, Self, Rolls, Pruit, Miller, Crim, Denney, Reed, Johnson, Lloyd, Matthews, Johnson. Third row, Manager, Arndt, Hook, Reedy, Curti, Robinson, Miller, Taylor, Howell, Green, Riddick, Pierce, ———, Manager, Smith, Hollingsworth, Melo, Durkan, Brokett, Earktwine, Robinson, Morris, Wolfe, Price, Jones. First row, Twissleman, Eubanks, Clark, Wheeler, Gordon, Havenor, Shaw, Brannon, Kelly, Hollingsworth.

J. V. Football

Bobcats Place Second In League

The Bobcats opened the season against a fine Delano team. They suffered a 27-7 loss there but came back the next week with an impressive 21-7 victory over Madera. The next week in Bakersfield's Memorial Stadium they ran up against a rugged Foothill team and were beaten 34-12. West High's J.V. team also proved to be too much for the Bobcats, 33-6. They then lost a hard-fought game to San Joaquin Memorial 12-7. The league games got underway against Garces the following week. Taft's J.V.s looked very strong and turned in a 14-0 victory. After this game they met Shafter and won an overpowering 39-7 decision. This game was followed by rousing a 37-7 win over Wasco. With one game remaining, the Bobcats had a fine chance of capturing the league. However, they were stopped by the Arvin Bruins 27-20 and had to settle for second.

The Junior Varsity depended greatly on a fine offense this year but also had a well-rounded defense. Coach Dudey did a fine job in bringing the boys around to giving a fine showing in league play.

Monty Reed was most inspirational on the team. Bob Havenor received the most improved award. Jim Curti was chosen as the offensive captain and Willis Gorden was picked by the other team members as the defensive captain.

Monty Reedy, most inspirational J.V., keeps on going even though he is being tackled.
Taylor is struck down with the ball.

J. V. Scoreboard

4-5-0

Delano	27- 7	Taft
Madera	7-21	Taft
Foothill	34-12	Taft
West	33- 6	Taft
San Joaquin	12- 7	Taft
Garces	0-14	Taft
Shafter	7-39	Taft
Wasco	7-37	Taft
Arvin	27-20	Taft

Brown, Datson, Carroll, Fuson, Cooper, Frank, Kili, Miller, Herrod, Sumnre, Crabb, Porter, Evert, Dickey, Eubanks, Wade, Farrow, Downey, Crane, Carroll, Lamgright, Shappard, McDow, Wood, Halcomb, Palmer, Jett, Kabridge, Downey, Anderson, Sailor, Cramer, Cash, Hoskins, Haines, Kelly, Beck, Downer.

C Class Football

Kittens Try Hard

Coach John Simpson's C Class team ran into a lot of hard luck this year. The Kittens lost several games which could have gone either way and tied two others. The Kittens main problem seemed to be lack of experience, but they can look forward to a fine season next year.

The C's started the year off playing Delano to a 0-0 tie. They then tied Foothill 6-6. The next week they lost to BHS in a tough game 7-6. The Kittens then lost to West 19-6 but followed with a 20-12 win over North. In the first league game the C's lost to Shafter 14-0. They came back the next week to down Wasco 13-6. In the final game of the year, they lost to a fine Arvin team 19-0.

Chosen as outstanding were Lloyd Fuson—captain, Cliff Hocomb—Most Inspirational, and Dan Cooper—Most Improved. Other players doing a good job this year were Bob Frank at halfback, Steve Anderson at Quarterback, and Bill Wood at linebacker.

C Scoreboard

2-4-2

Delano	0- 0	Taft
B. H. S	7- 6	Taft
Foothill	6- 6	Taft
West	19- 6	Taft
North	12-20	Taft
Shafter	14- 0	Taft
Wasco	6-13	Taft
Arvin	19- 0	Taft

1st row: Leaf, Montgomery, Alexander, Starky, Bush, Hollingsworth, Bingham, Whitney, Morrison, Steve Morris, Hartman. Row 2: Willingham, Woosely, Powe, Gary Morris, Canales, McMahon, Hollingsworth, Price Sagaser, McGhee, Kelley, Cossum. Row 3: Grant, Youngborg, Lane, Gill, Ramagno, Norred, Roberts, Furr, Coach Garratt.

Wrestling

Look To Future

For the first time in the history of Taft Union High School a wrestling team was organized. The response to the new sport was tremendous. In all, over sixty boys turned out for the squad. None of the boys had ever wrestled in competition before, so Coach Joe Garratt had a big job.

First Coach Garratt worked on conditioning and the fundamentals of wrestling. By the end of the year, many of the boys had learned enough to place high in the league meet at Wasco. Among these were Charles Hibbard, Mitch McGhee, Fred Cossum, and Mark Kelley.

With only three seniors on a squad of around forty, the team should pick up the experience it lacked this year and pull out of last place in the league standings. Many underclassmen are developing into fine wrestlers and Coach Garratt feels that in a few years Taft will have a first-rate team.

If the great enthusiasm continues, and if the boys continue to improve at the rate they did this year, there can only be a bright future for wrestling at Taft. A South Sequoia League championship in this sport may not be too far off.

Charlie Hibbard strains to escape the hold of his opponent.

Row 1: Curti, McLean, Reedy, Carrol, Beerbower, Gathings. Row 2: Cairns, Smith Johnson, Carter, Beyn, Sanders, Daniel, Coach Cole.

Dan Beerbower fires a pass to a teammate.

Varsity Basketball

All Around Team

This year the Wildcats had one of their finest teams in many years. The 'Cats were 12-8 overall and 9-3 in the league standings. The Wildcats finished in second place in the South Sequoia League, losing out to the Shafter on the last day of the season.

The Wildcats had good height in the starting line up with Bob Beyn and Don Carter at 6'5", Darrel Sanders at 6'2" and Dan Beerbower and Dave Gathings at 5'11". Beyn lead the 'Cats in scoring with a 16.4 average. He was followed by Sanders with 12.3. Next came Gathings, Beerbower, and Carter in that order.

The team was helped greatly by the players off the bench led by "The Ogre" Dave Johnson, "Rocket" Reedy, and R. C. Carroll. Doug MacLean, and "Triple" Daniel also gave the team a lift when they appeared.

All in all the 1968-69 Wildcats were a fine all-around team.

Bob Beyn Center

Ron Carroll Guard

Jim Curti Forward

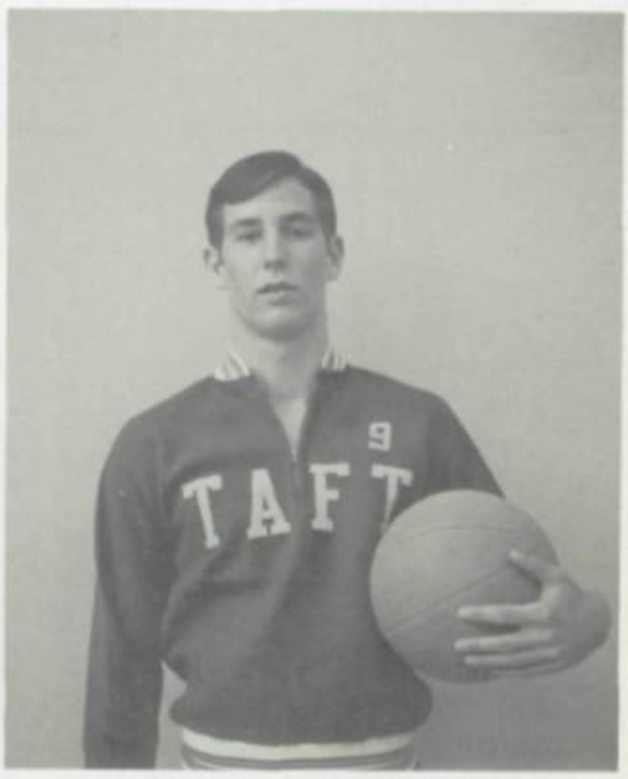
Mike Daniel Forward

Dave Gathings Guard

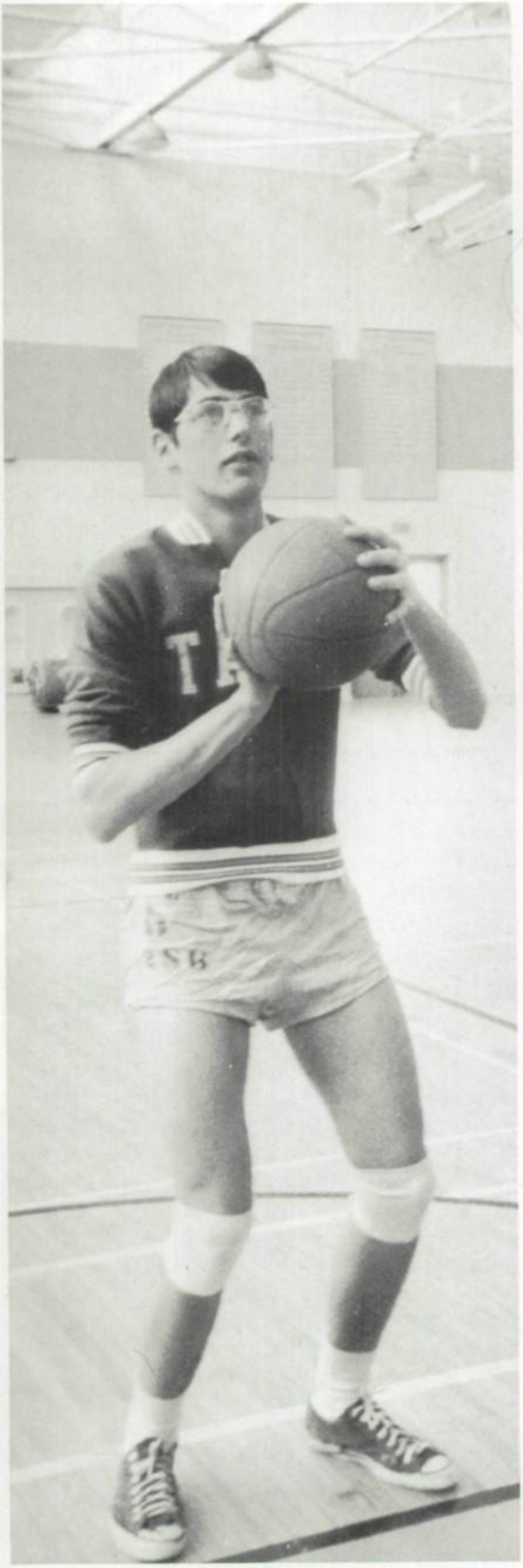
Dave Johnson Forward

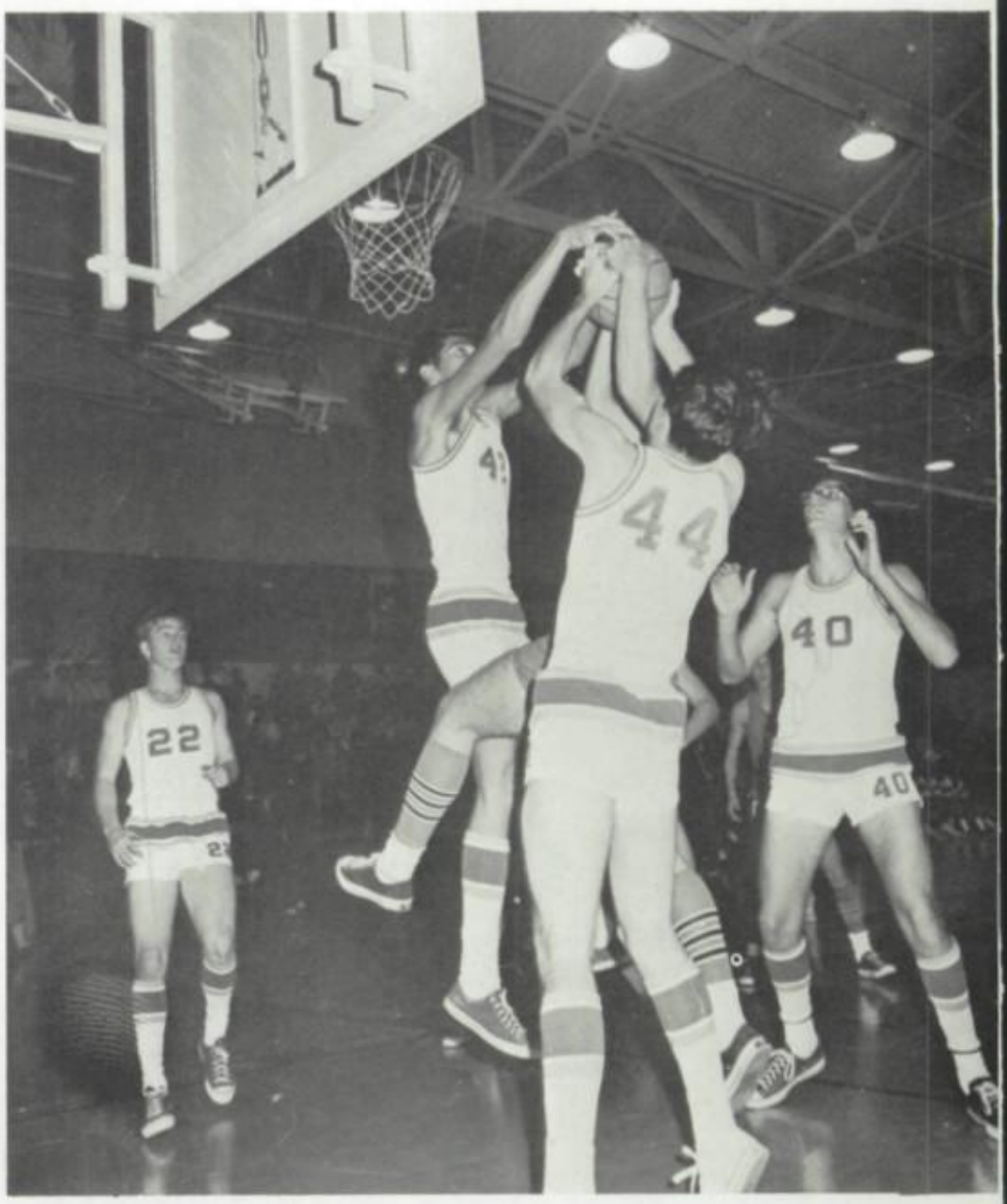
Doug MacLean Guard

Monty Reedy Guard



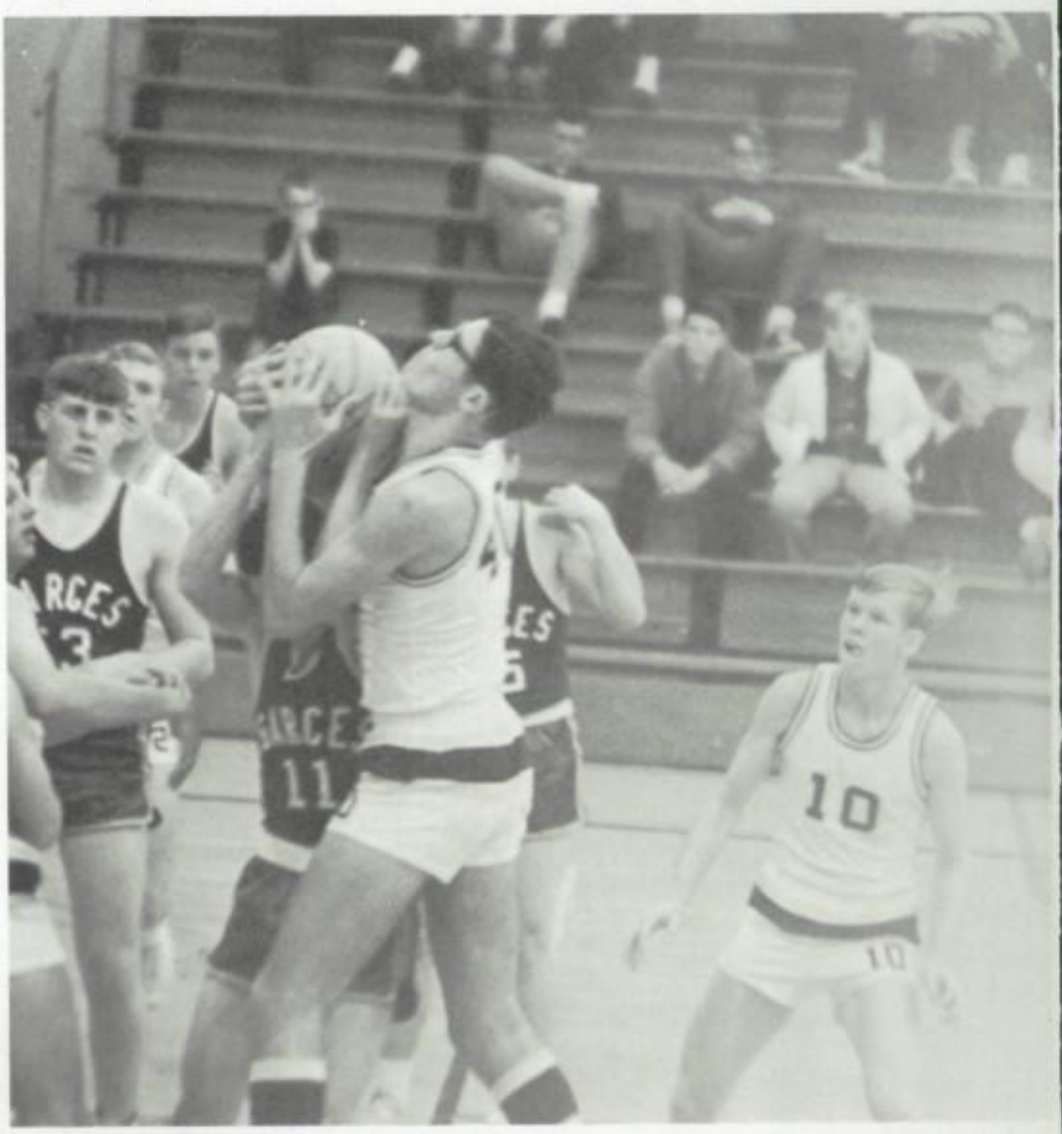
Darrell Sanders Forward



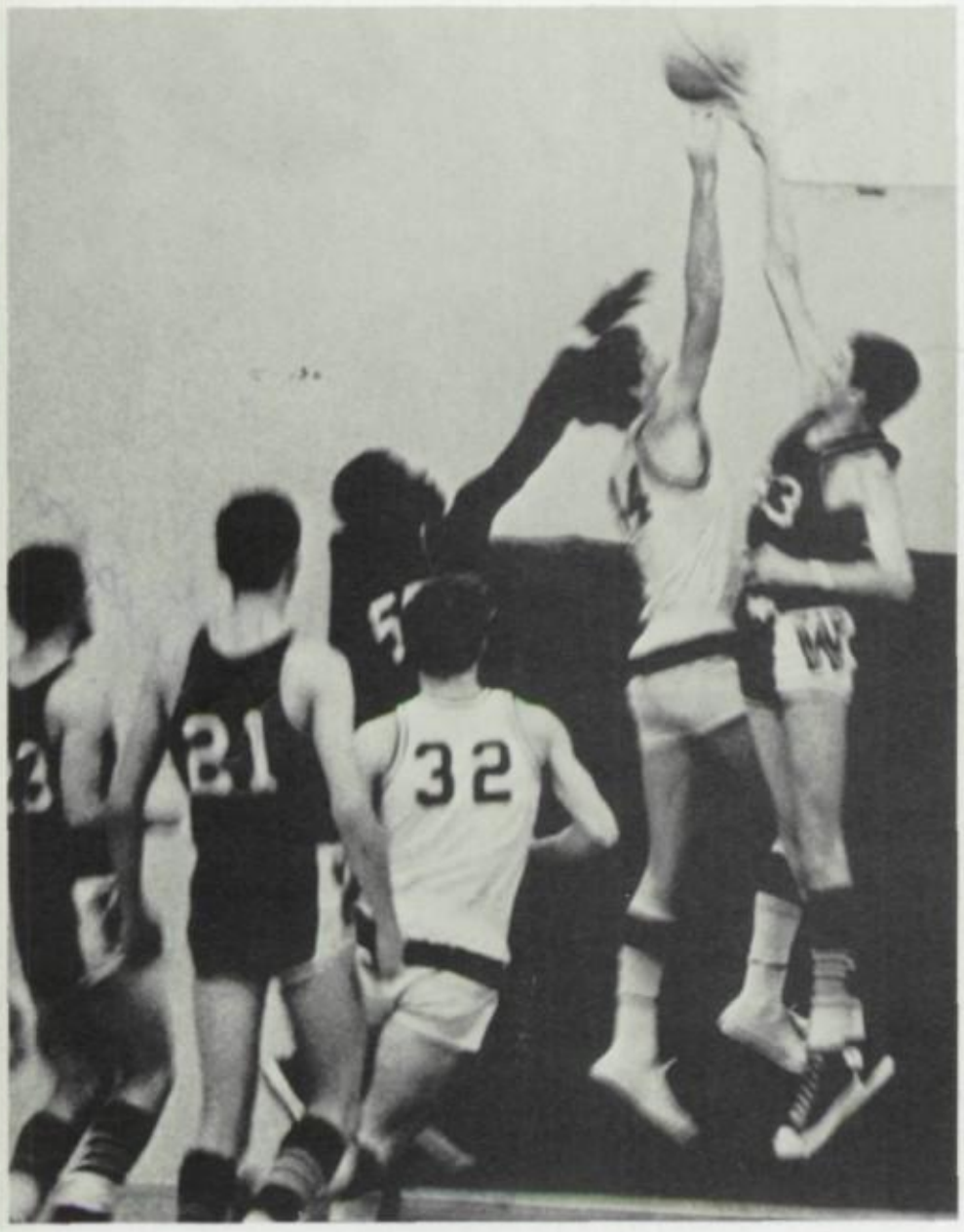


Beyn and Johnson grab a rebound away from a Coalinga opponent.

Bob Beyn shows form that made him leading Wildcat scorer.



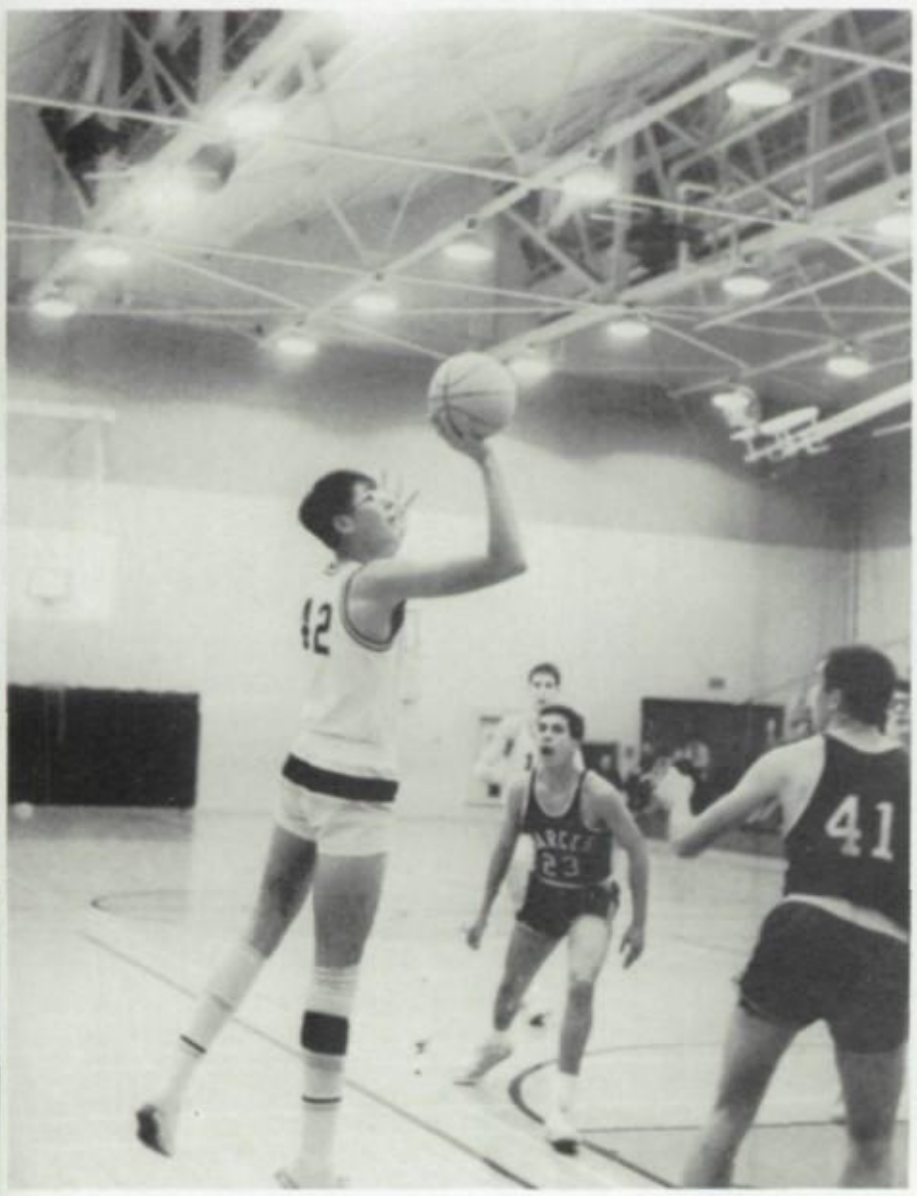
Don Carter hugs a rebound as Dave Gathings waits for him to pass off.



Dave Johnson has his shot blocked by Ken Pauls of Wasco.

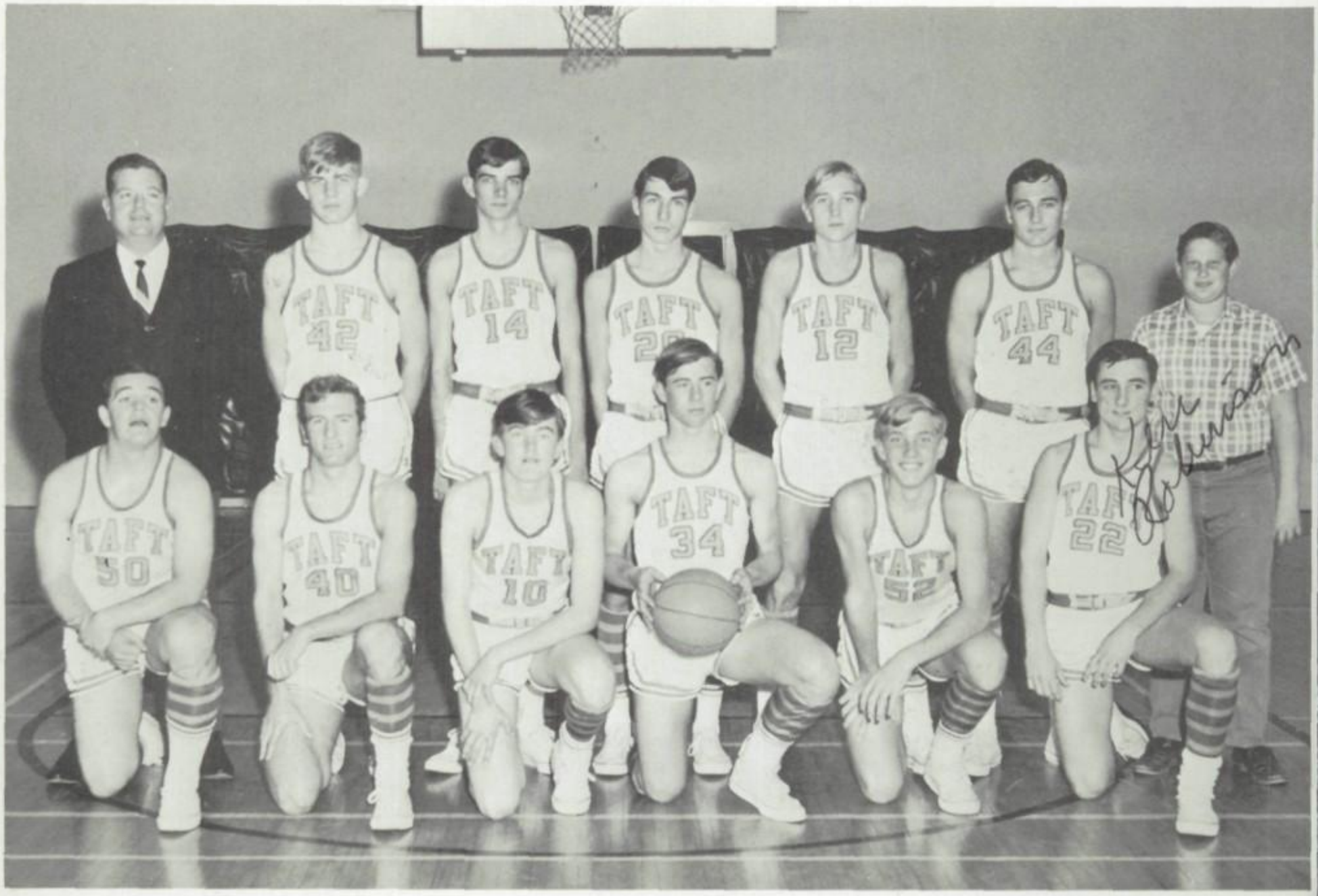
Dave Gathings goes high over Garces defenders for two points.

Bob Beyn guides one in over Tim Mechaley of Garces.



Varsity Scoreboard
9-3

Arvin	51-74	Taft
Garces	53-55	Taft
Wasco	49-73	Taft
Arvin	54-58	Taft
Shafter	46-44	Taft
Garces	50-57	Taft
Wasco	51-67	Taft
Shafter	57-47	Taft
Arvin	64-70	Taft
Shafter	39-49	Taft
Garces	57-51	Taft
Wasco	58-77	Taft



Row 1: Davis, Durken, Yates, Eubanks, Hollingsworth, Robinson. Row 2: Coach Reed, Erlewine, Morgan, Miller, Keeler, Melo, Bush.

JV Basketball

Captures S.S.L. Championship

One of the finest J.V. basketball teams in Taft Highs history took the court this year. Compiling an overall 14-5 record, the Bobcats were 11-1 in league play. This record was easily good enough to capture the South Sequoia League Championship.

The Bobcats started off slowly, winning the first two, but then dropped three in a row to Bakersfield schools. The team then rebounded to smash Coalinga but then lost the next week at West Bakersfield. League play then began with the Bobcats beating Arvin 60-43. Garces then stunned the little 'Cats 59-53. The team then began a fantastic ten game winning streak that carried them on to the end of the year and the league championship. During the streak the Bobcats did away with Wasco and Shafter three times and Garces and Arvin twice.

The Bobcats were blessed with plenty of scoring punch this year. The leading scorer was Mike Keeler with a fine 16.4 game average. He was followed by Ken Robinson with a 13.8 average. Next in line was center Bob Jaske who averaged 8.8 points a game. Then came Bill Davis at 7.4 points a game followed by Allen Jennings with a 6.1 point average.

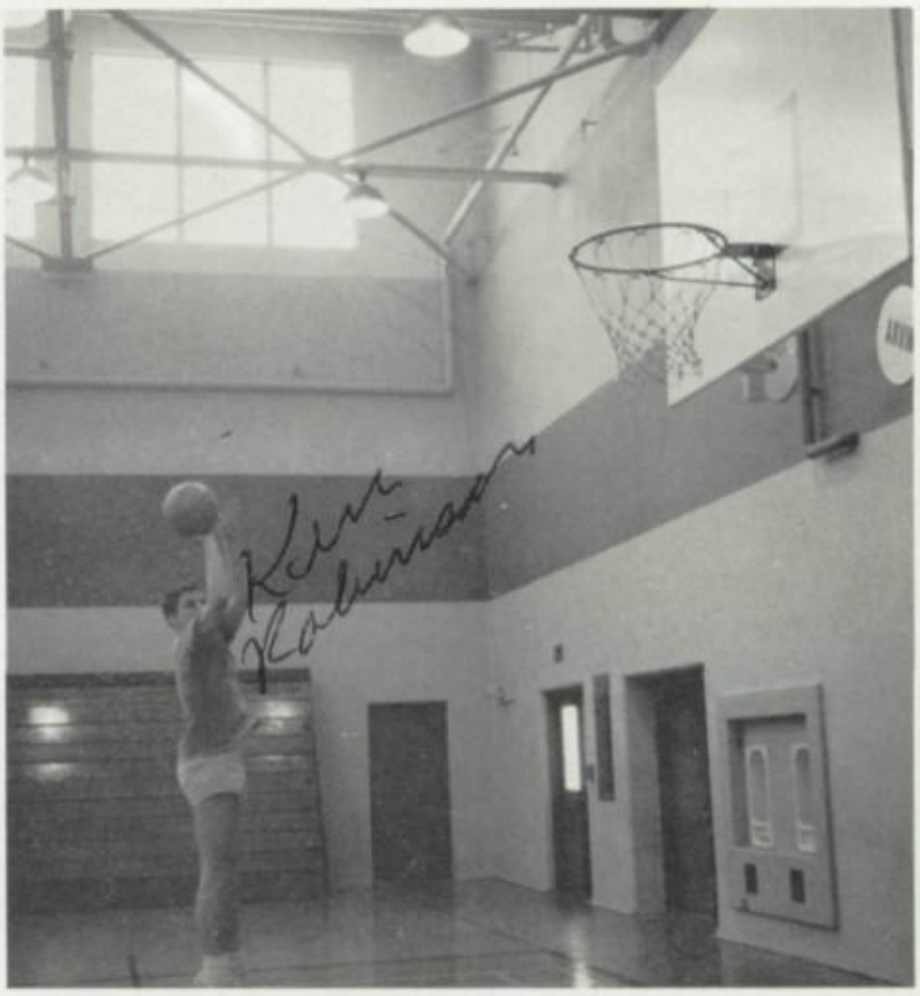
Many of this year's J.V. team should help make next year's Varsity team a top contender in the league. Others will remain on Coach Bob Reed's team to have a great chance repeating as champs.

This is the first league championship won by the J.V. team in quite awhile for Taft High School; but to make such a tremendous sweep over the whole league is really something and the team felt it was greatly the cause of the work of their coach, Mr. Bob Reed. He brought a new look to the little 'Cats when he had them run a tight defense and it seemed to do the trick quite well.

J.V. Scoreboard

11-1

Arvin	43-60	Taft
Garces	59-53	Taft
Wasco	55-58	Taft
Arvin	46-47	Taft
Shafter	31-42	Taft
Garces	57-63	Taft
Wasco	49-51	Taft
Shafter	49-70	Taft
Arvin	45-54	Taft
Shafter	40-59	Taft
Garces	47-58	Taft
Wasco	49-74	Taft



Guard Ken Robinson practices his fine jump shot.

Bob Jaske goes high to out-jump the Wasco center.

Center Bob Jaske drives for a shot as Mike Keeler gets set for the rebound.

Row 1: Munson, Robinson, Dave Cooper, Mace, Graupman, Row 2: Farrow, Brown, Downey, Nichols, Lippert, Dan Cooper, Coach Robinson.

C Basketball

Gain Experience

First year coach, Leland Robinson, found himself in a bad way at the beginning of the year. He did not have any boys returning off of last years championship team. With plenty of hard practice, he prepared the boys for league play.

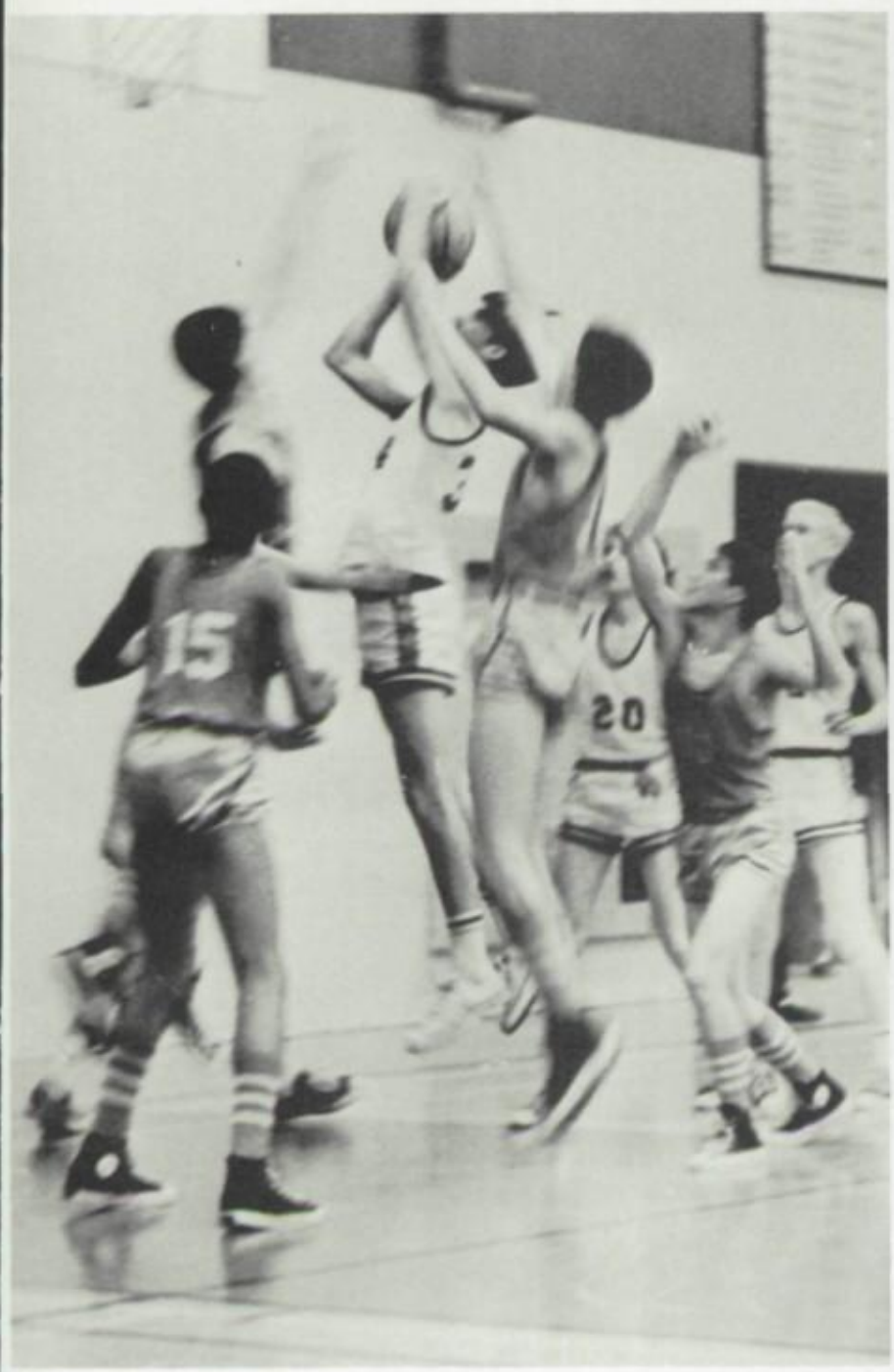
The Kittens did not fare too well against their opponents, but did as well as could be expected considering their lack of experience. Finishing with a record of four and eight, Coach Robinson feels several boys picked up the experience they will need to have a good team next year.

The Kittens leading scorer and rebounder was center John Nichols. Marc Foster, Dave Cooper, Randy Lippert, Randy Robinson, and Steve Munson also provided their share of scoring.

A great many of the boys were freshmen and will be back as C's next year. Coach Robinson should certainly look forward to a much brighter season next year.

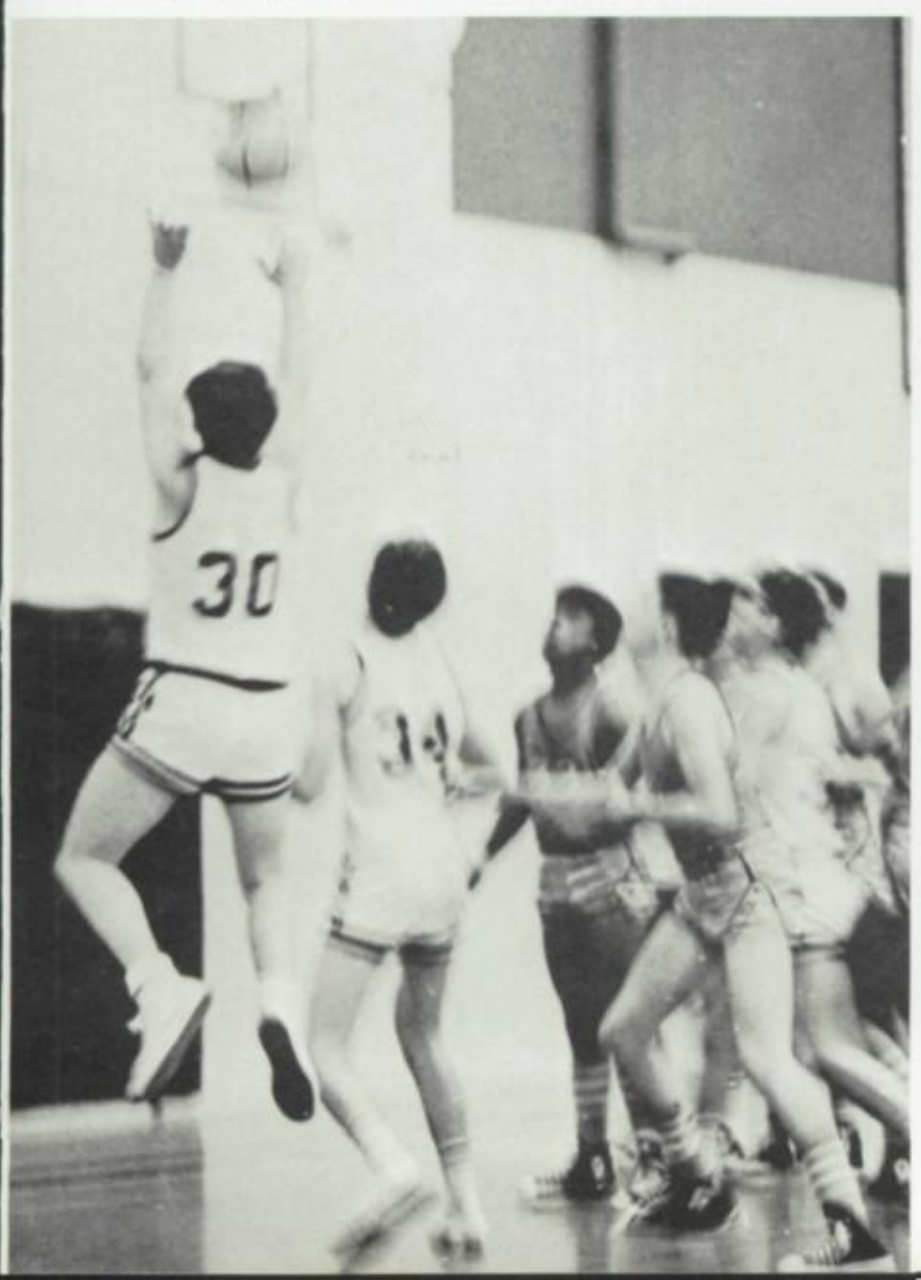
C Scoreboard
4-8

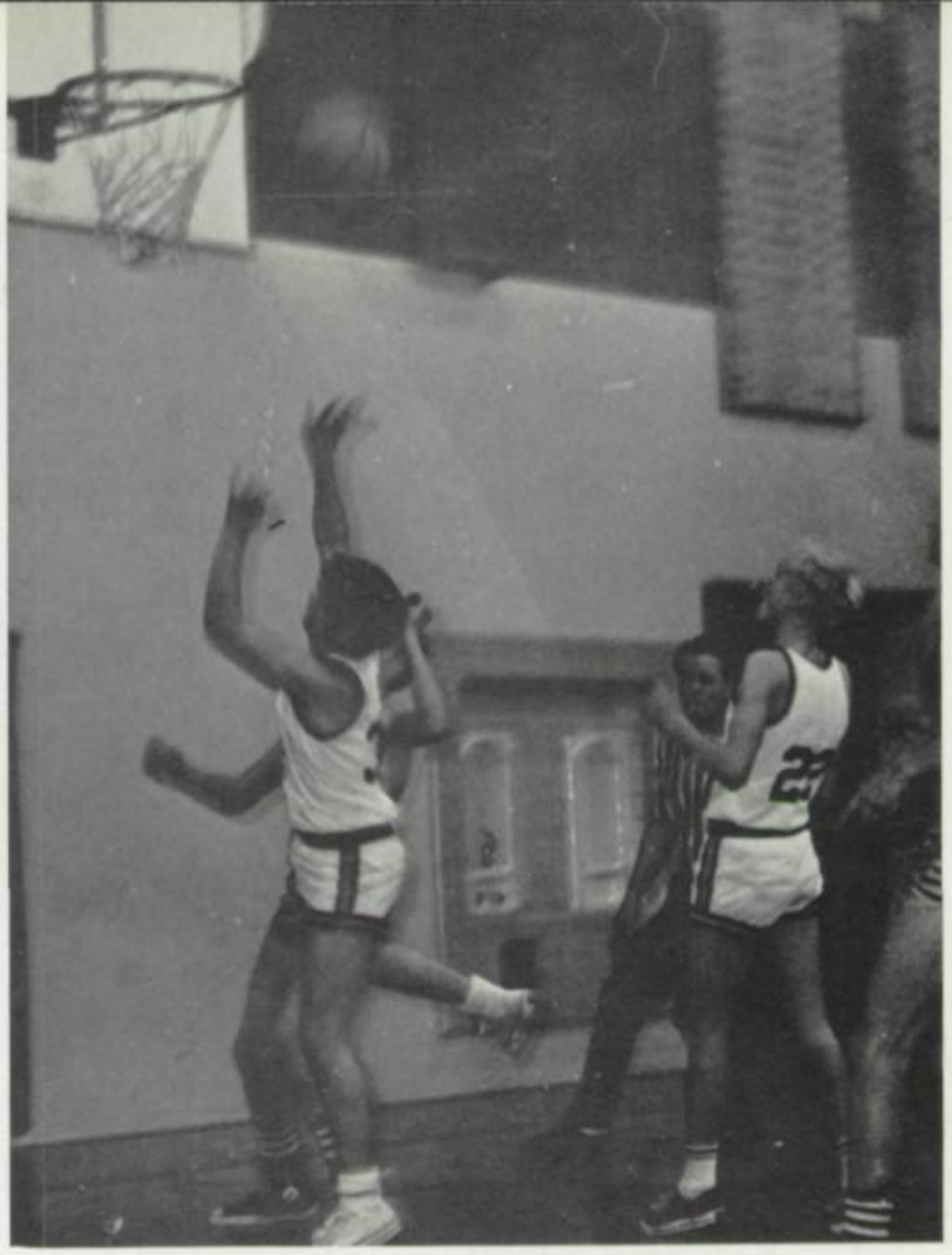
Arvin	lost	Taft
Garces	lost	Taft
Wasco	won	Taft
Arvin	lost	Taft
Shafter	lost	Taft
Garces	won	Taft
Wasco	lost	Taft
Shafter	lost	Taft
Arvin	lost	Taft
Shafter	won	Taft
Garces	won	Taft
Wasco	lost	Taft



Though closely guarded, John Nichols shoots for two.

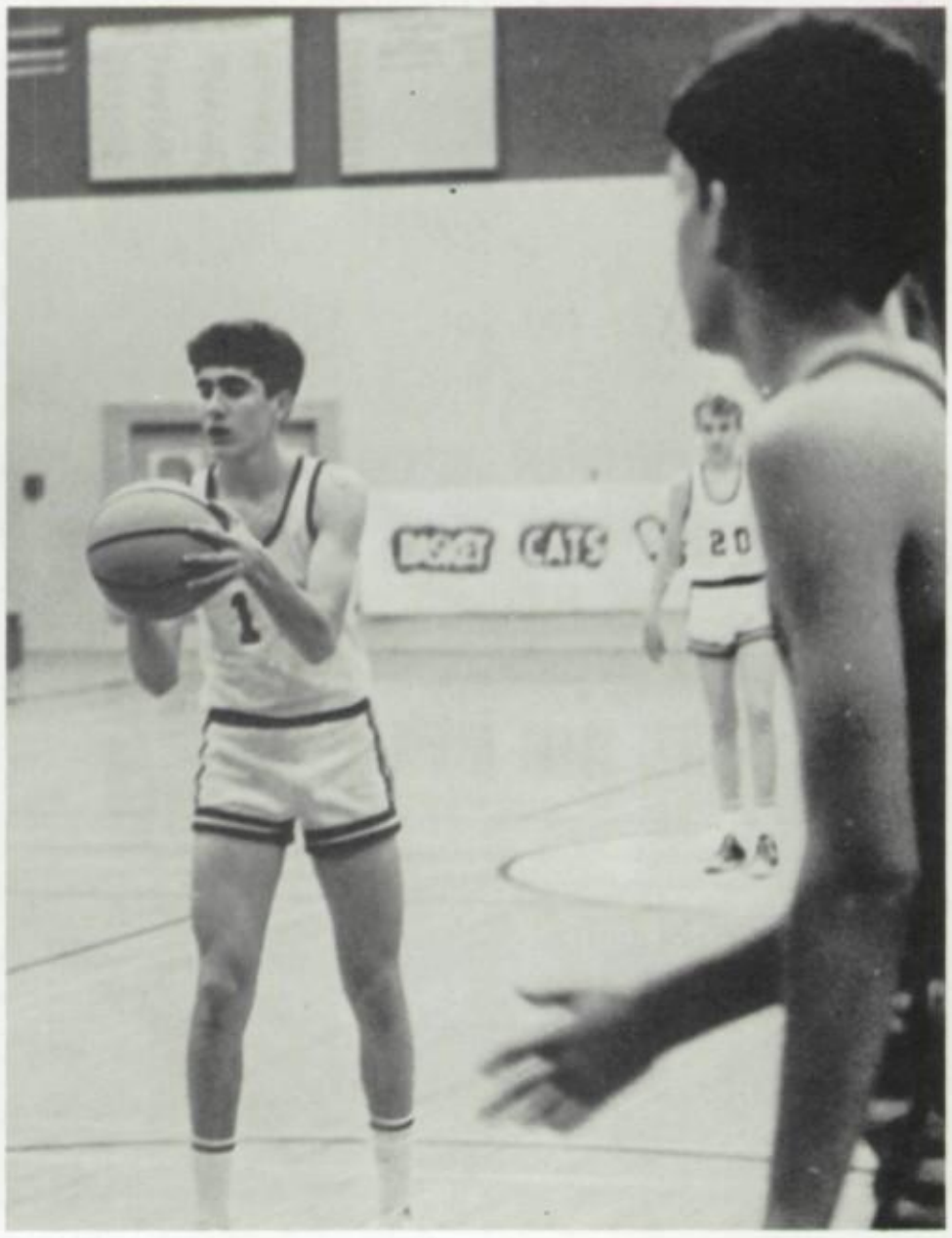
Cooper makes a fine jump shot to up the score.





Dave Cooper tries for another two points.

Lippert concentrates on a free throw.



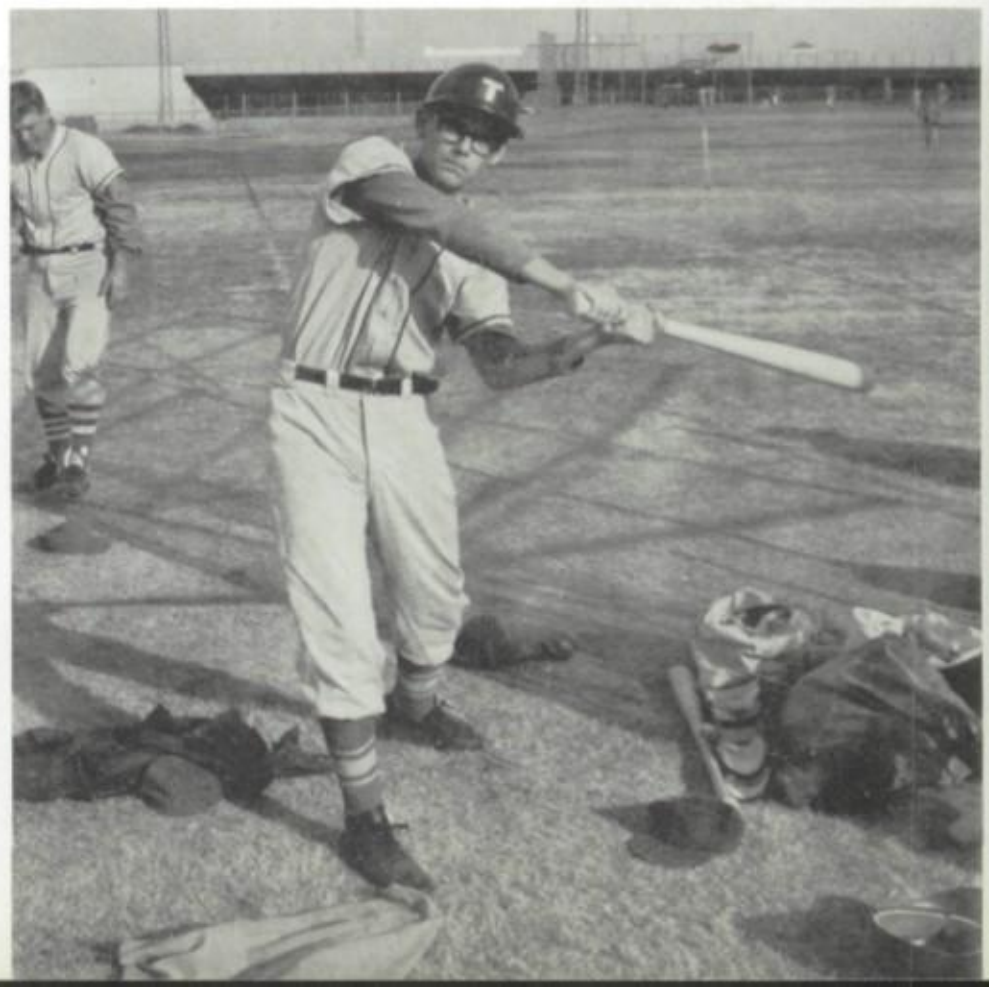
Row 1: Hamlin, Sanders, Beyn, Gregory, Cates. Row 2: Coach Reedy, Ray Porter, Reedy, Stewart, Beerbower, Roger Porter. Row 3: Brock, Jennings, Keller, Thompson, Hibbard, Arndt.

Varsity Baseball

Should Recapture S.S.L. Title

The Wildcats came off last year's Championship team with plenty of material to make another fine team. Returning off the fine '68 team were 3rd baseman Dan Beerbower, pitcher Stan Hamlin, outfielder Harlan Keller, and shortstop Allen Jennings. Pitcher Bob Beyn and catcher Charlie Hibbard came up from 68's fine championship J.V. team to fit in well with the Varsity. Harlus Gregory, Ray and Roger Porter, Bob Cates, and Dave Stewart also came up from the J.V.'s to play big rolls in this years team. Monty Reedy made the jump all the way from the Freshman team.

As the Derrick went to press the 'Cats appeared to be strong in all departments: pitching, hitting, fielding, and base-running. They were the top contenders to repeat as league champions.

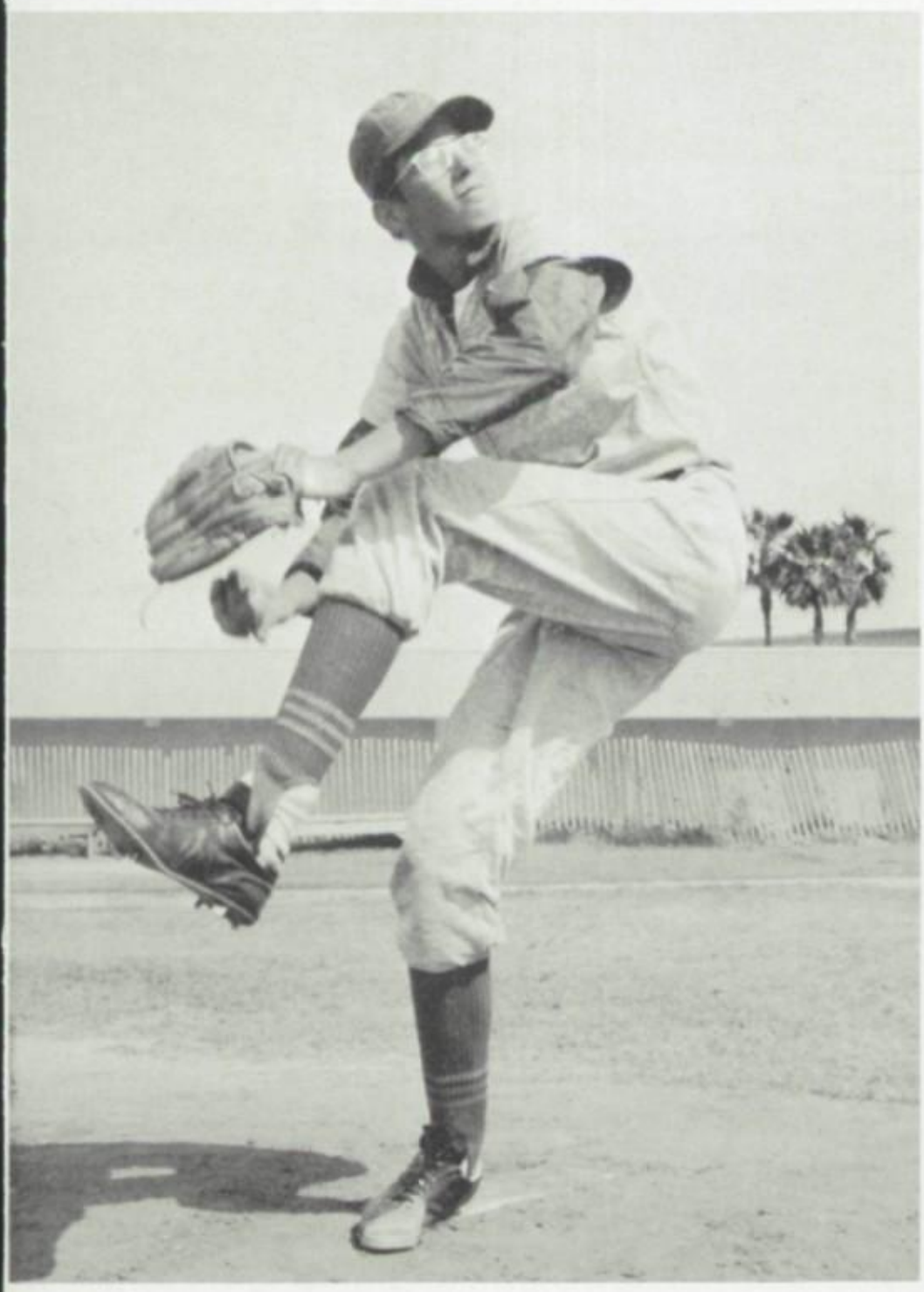


Roger Porter takes a practice cut.

Harlon Keller awaits Hamlin fastball.

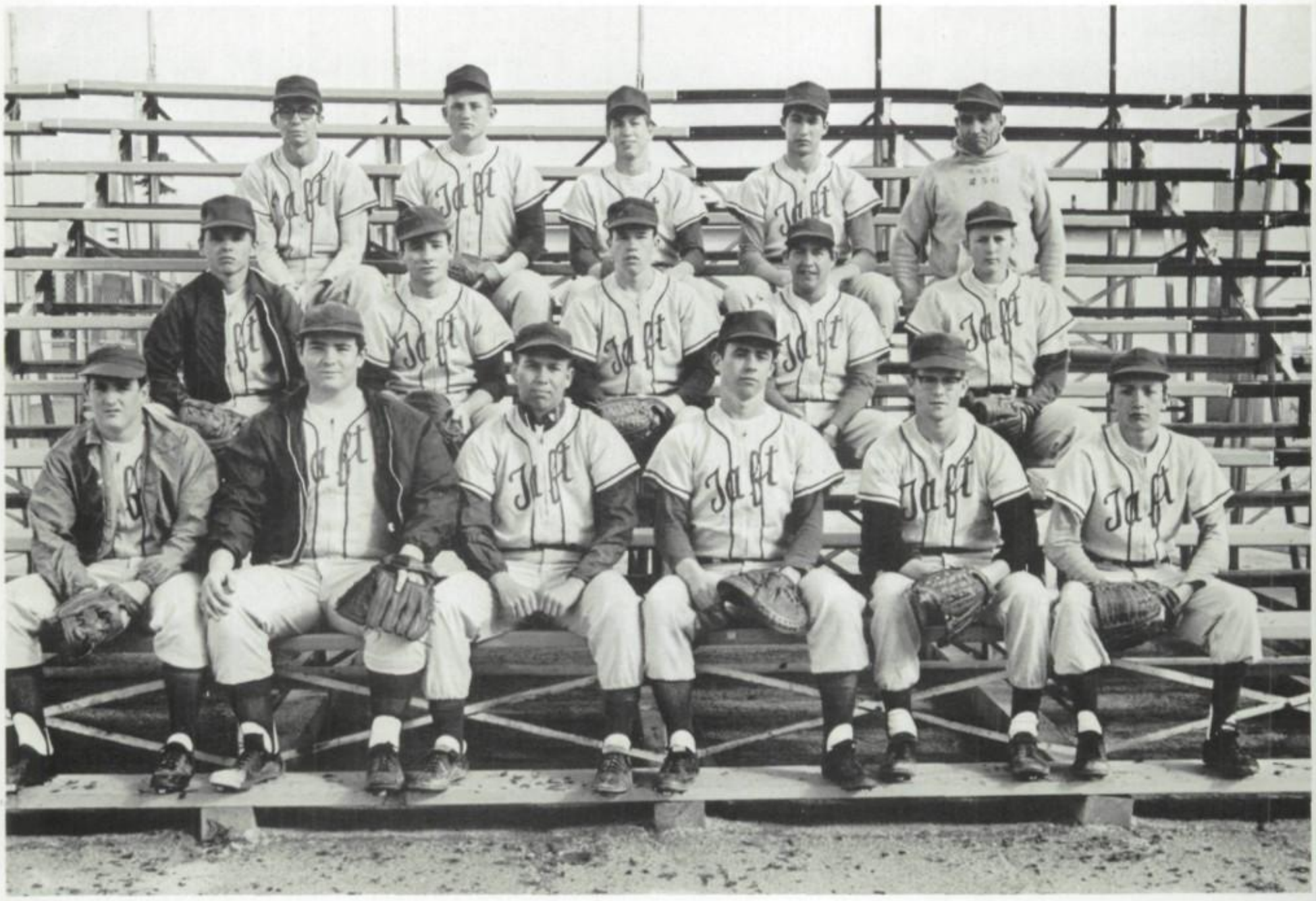
Charlie Hibbard calmly awaits turn at bat.

Guy Thompson swats one down the line.



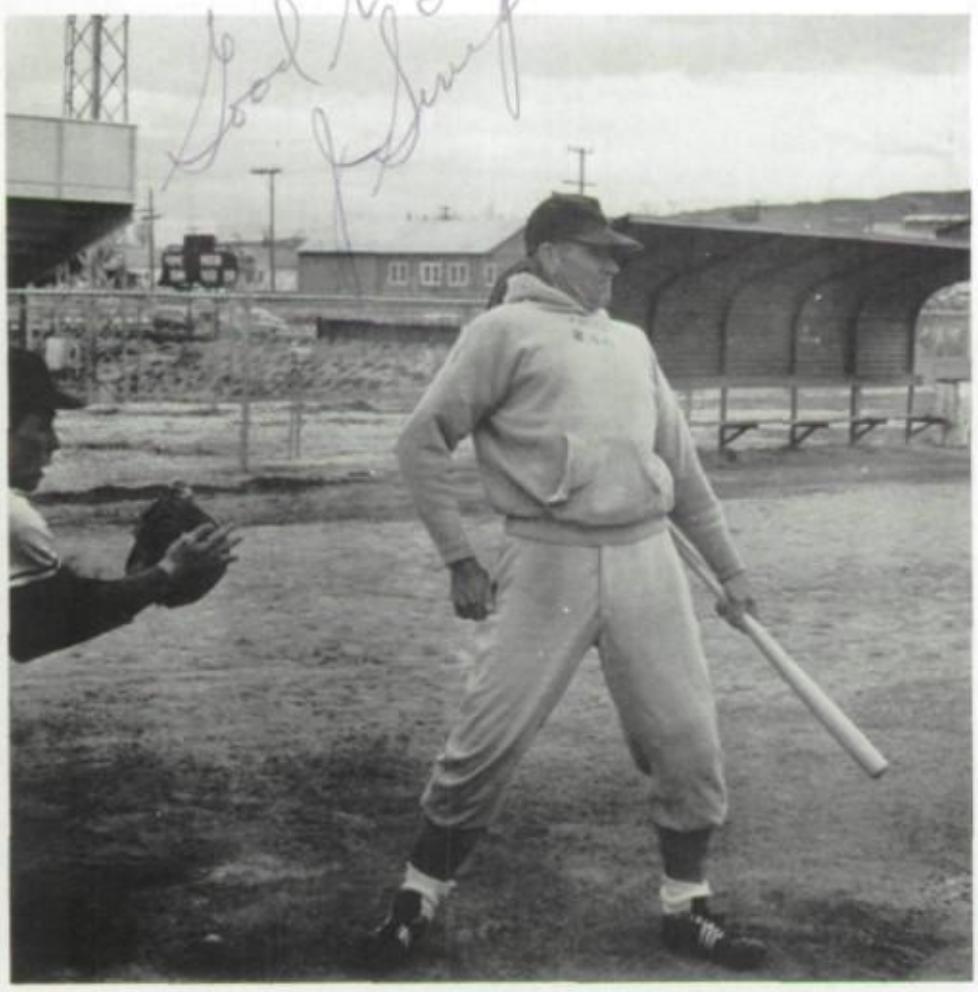
Bob Beyn practices pitching form.

Coach Reedy slaps a fly to his outfielders.



Row 1: Brokett, Shaw, Sommers, Eubanks, Knowles, Boliver. Row 2: Taylor, Robinson, Bench, Haines, Preston. Row 3: Smith, Kelley, Hollingsworth, Miller, Coach Simpson.

Coach Simpson leans away from a pitch caught by Ted Eubanks.



JV Baseball

Hold Their Own

Under the coaching of John Simpson, the J.V.'s had all the material they needed to become a fine all-around team. The pitching department was lead by Cliff Brockett, and Walter Smith. Ted Eubanks and Jim Summers provided the strength behind the plate. The infield lacked experience but they all have the ability to become fine players. The team had several good hitters, a necessity for a winning team. They were led by John Miller, Cliff Brockett, Terry Shaw, Butch Knowles, Ted Eubanks, Mike Taylor, and Mark Kelley.

In the early part of the season, the team had some trouble with the larger Bakersfield schools, but they were expected to hold their own in the South Sequoia League play.

Frosh Baseball

Work For Future

The freshman baseball team took the field this year under the leadership of a new coach, Bob Reed, who moved in to guide the team after Coach John Simpson moved up to take over the junior varsity boys.

This year, the freshman team looked capable of the league lead, but they did lack depth. It was hoped that a strong front line would be enough for them to put down the other teams in the league.

The number one hurler for the Kittens was hard-throwing Rick Riddick. He was caught by Paul Wade, a fine defensive catcher. The batting strength was provided by first baseman John Watts, shortstop Ricky Mace, third baseman Bob Frank, and outfielder Steve Cramer.

The long-distance aim of the Kittens is to provide experience the boys will need in helping the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams win in the future years. For this reason Coach Reed always tried to play as many boys as possible, Coach Simpson of the J.V.'s and Coach Reedy of the Wildcats can look forward for some fine talent of this team in future years.

Paul Wade "cracks" one in batting practice.

Row 1: Frank, Porter, Wade, Reddick, Brown, Watts, Dixson. Row 2: Coach Reed, Jett, Everett, Hollingsworth, Graupman, Morrow, Cramer, Mace, Kelley. Row 3: Robinson ,Trout, Smith, Sills, Akers, Petty, Sullivan, Bernard.

Row 1: LeGar, Brown, Shuck, Havener, Davis, Ratliff. Row 2: House, MacLean, Erlewine, Leijder, Swigart, Peterson, Williams. Row 3: Gathings, Hook, Whitney, Golf, Vaughn, Bilbey, Mitchell.

Terry Bilbey vaults for the sky.

A Track

Top Choice For SSL

Coach Ron Matheson had the makings of an excellent track team this year. They made very strong showings in the only meets held before the Derrick went to press. They were top choice to win the South Sequoia League Championship.

Top men were Steve Houchin in the dashes, Bob LeGar in hurdles, Robert Shuch and Terry Bilbey in pole vault, Doug MacLean in the 440, and Dave Gathings in the distance races. Other consistant point-winners were Bob Davis, Rick Vaughn, Jim Peterson, Steve Brown, and Mike Williams.

The team did not lack experience as they had plenty of seniors that had participated in track their previous three years. Coach Matheson hoped that their experience would help the younger team members improve their performances. The team had nothing but brightness in the future.

Row 1: Norred, Johnson, Duclos, Ellis, Buttke, Pruiett. Row 2: Hartman, Bingham, Brown, McGhee, Osborne. Row 3: Long, Geissel, Grant.

B Track

Produce Talent

The B track team seemed to have plenty of material for a fine team again this year after last years championship team. Although most of last years Bobcats moved up to the varsity, Coach Mathson believes that the team has enough new talent to carry them to victory.

The team was strong in the weight department, led by junior Nick Ellis. He was a consistant winner in both the shot put and discuss. He was assisted by David Erlewine. Another consistant point getter was Stan Buttke in the pole vault.

The Bobcats did not have much experience but their hard work in practice showed up in meets. It is hoped that this team will produce some fine talent for next years varsity track team. It seems to have a bright future at Taft High, and we should be able to count on many of the boys off this B team to help.

Steve Brown prepares for a fine long jump.

Row 1: Woosely, Jones, Morris, Downer, Cook, Powe, Cooper, Hoskins, Cash, Sprung. Row 2: Munson, Seal, Crane, Keilly, Williams, Smith, Dickey, R. Greg, Pruiett, White, Anderson. Row 3: Alexander, Kabrich, Nettles, Somner, Sailor, Self, Hatch, Porter, S. Greg, Willingham.

Cooper and Hoskins warm up with a trip around the track.

C Track

Round Into Shape

This year coach Ron Matheson produced a fine "C" team. Most of the boys had no previous track experience, but they rounded into shape early and had a great chance to take the league championship. Coach Matheson feels that most of the members of this years Kittens will become strong performers on the J.V. and Varsity teams in the future.

Steve Munson was an outstanding runner in the 1320. Gary Jay Morris gave an impressive performance in the high jump. Randy Dickey took care of the weight department with consistant good showings in the shot put and discuss.

With several fine performances in early meets, Coach Matheson expects a strong showing from the Kittens in the South Sequoia League as the Derrick goes to press.

Row 1: Leijder, Goff, Gathings, Cook, Swigart, Phillips. Row 2: Jones, Whitney, Morris, Grant, Geissel, Long.

Cross Country

Produce Fine Team

Coach Ron Matheson fielded a fine cross-country team once again this year. They were led by Dave Gathings. Gathings finished first in the South Sequoia League in the Varsity division. He also finished as one of the top five cross country runners in the Valley Meet.

In the Junior Varsity division Dean Phillips finished first in the SSL meet. Bob Grant and Greg Woosely gave fine showings in the Frosh-Soph division as did Bill Leijer and Gary Cook in Varsity.

The team appears to be headed for another strong season next year as nine of the teams twelve members will be returning next year. Coach Matheson hopes for another league title and a runner who can take the place of Senior Dave Gathings. Anyone who can follow in his footsteps will surely be welcome on any cross-country team.

Dave Gathings crosses the line first.

Steve Cairns makes a good serve to win his match.

Boys Tennis

Plan To Be Tough

The boy's tennis team, coached by Mr. Bill Gamon, was this year a combination of the inexperienced and veterans; four lettermen returned, and there were six newcomers.

The team was led by Daryl Smith, last year's SSL number one player. Other singles players were Roger Clark, junior, and Dick Parrott, senior. The doubles teams consisted of Steve Cairns and Paul O'Brien, seniors, and Matt Kohal, sophomore, and Al Weigand, junior. John McKinnell, John Ballou, and Bob Jaske, all sophomores, filled out the squad.

The preseason record of the Wildcats was impressive; this year's team is being counted upon to bring the first league championship to Taft High.

Coach Gamon feels that this year's team has the t a l e n t they need to go all the way to the top of the league, and with plenty of youth, he is building a fine team for the future. With some needed experience gained this year, next years team should be really tough.

Row 1: Kohal, Parrot, McKinnell, Ballou. Row 2: Cairns, Smith, O'Brien, Clark, Weigand, Coach Gammon.

Row 1: Debbie Downing, Richard, Judy Seppi, Janet Downing. Row 2: MacLean, Herrod, Ransom, Romuld, Fritzie.

Girls Tennis

Plan For League

With a starting team of all last year's champions, with the exception of three, the girls' tennis team faired well this year. Not all of the matches were won but a good fight was always given.

Trish Ransom and Judy Seppi captured the league doubles title last year and did equally as well this year. Janet Downing, one of the teams top players, was always an outstanding performer and a great asset to the team. Becky Herrod, who will return next year, along with Deborah Downing were talented and experienced performers in doubles.

Even though many of the team's starting players will not return next year, there will be several juniors who have had the experience needed for a good team. There were also three new underclassmen out this year who gained the needed experience: Romuld, Gage, and MacLean.

Miss Bertha Franke, coach of the Girls team, led the girls in exercises and practice every evening after school.

Wendy Seppi takes time out from practice to pose.

Row 1: Thornton, Hall, Burnham, Thacher. Row 2: Coach Dudley, Witte, Curti, Foster, Herman, Melo.

Row 1: Kranyak, Dan Carroll, White, Dennis Carroll, Logan. Row 2: Dahne, Woods, Sullivan, Black, Mundy, Shappard. Row 3: Coach Hoffman, Petrey, Roberts, Ballou, Miller, Tolf, Rennels, Morgan, Coach Dudley.

Row 1: Morris, Downer, Prindle, Harder, O'Brian, Kuntz, Casey. Row 2: Dobbins, Denesha, Napolean, Terry McPhearson, Whittaker, Morrow, Metcalf. Row 3: Mundy, Haseltine, Nelson, Brannon, Enoch, Duclos, Cunningham, Peterey, Jan McPhearson, Rountree.

Swimming

Work As A Team

A year of hard work and good coaching left its mark on Taft High's 1968-69 swimteam. Although the Varsity team lacked depth, they still had a fine showing of talent. Lance Foster, free styler for the team, showed remarkable consistency in his times, thus, winning most of his races. Others who did well on the Varsity team this year were Steve Hall, Andy Burnham, Dave Melo, and Dave Thacher.

The B and C teams were combined this year since the other schools did not have C class teams. The B team proved to be fairly strong this year as many of them returned from last year. Each member of the team showed great improvement this year as each boy tried to improve his time and set new records. A few of these are: Cecil Morgan, Bob Sillivan, Don Black, and Dennis Carroll.

The girls swim team worked very much as a team this year. They were constantly competing against each other as well as other schools and with the help of Jan Mc Phearson, the girls coach for this year, and their own dedication and endurance many of them improved their times. They were expected to work with the boys and do the same kind of work outs and this strengthened them considerably.

Don Dudley, held the position of head coach for the teams again this year assisted by Bob Hoffman and Jan McPhearson, who was a former Taft High swimmer.

Chris Nelson, second from left, takes the lead in the backstroke.

Cheryl Morris pulls ahead in the breaststroke.

Dave Thatcher shows fine form.

Mary Calbert practices a dive.

Diving

Display Agility

This years Taft High diving team consisted of many fine divers. Practices went well and when the time came to perform, they proved more than competent. The entire team, boys and girls divisions, was made up of fourteen athletes.

Dave Thacher, four year letterman, was again the top diver and is expected to do well in the Valley Meet. Freshman, Alvin White and junior, Richard Owen showed great potential.

Veterans Mary Calbert and Colleen Smith once *again represented Taft High in great fashion. This* year the girls ventured to the three meter board where they displayed their agility and gracefulness.

Coach Dudley and Coach Hoffman was pleased to learn that many of this years proteges will be returning to participate in the 1970 diving season.

Row 1: Thacher, Wolfe, Geissel, White, Laferry, Owen. Row 2: Coach Hoffman, Paine, Beebe, Coleen Smith, Colston, Dobbins, Pam Smith, Coach Dudley.

Row 1: Myers, Morris, Nichols, Anderson. Row 2: George, Walker, Evans, Hollingsworth. Row 3: Smith, Porter, Farrow, Trahan.

Golf

Plan For Title

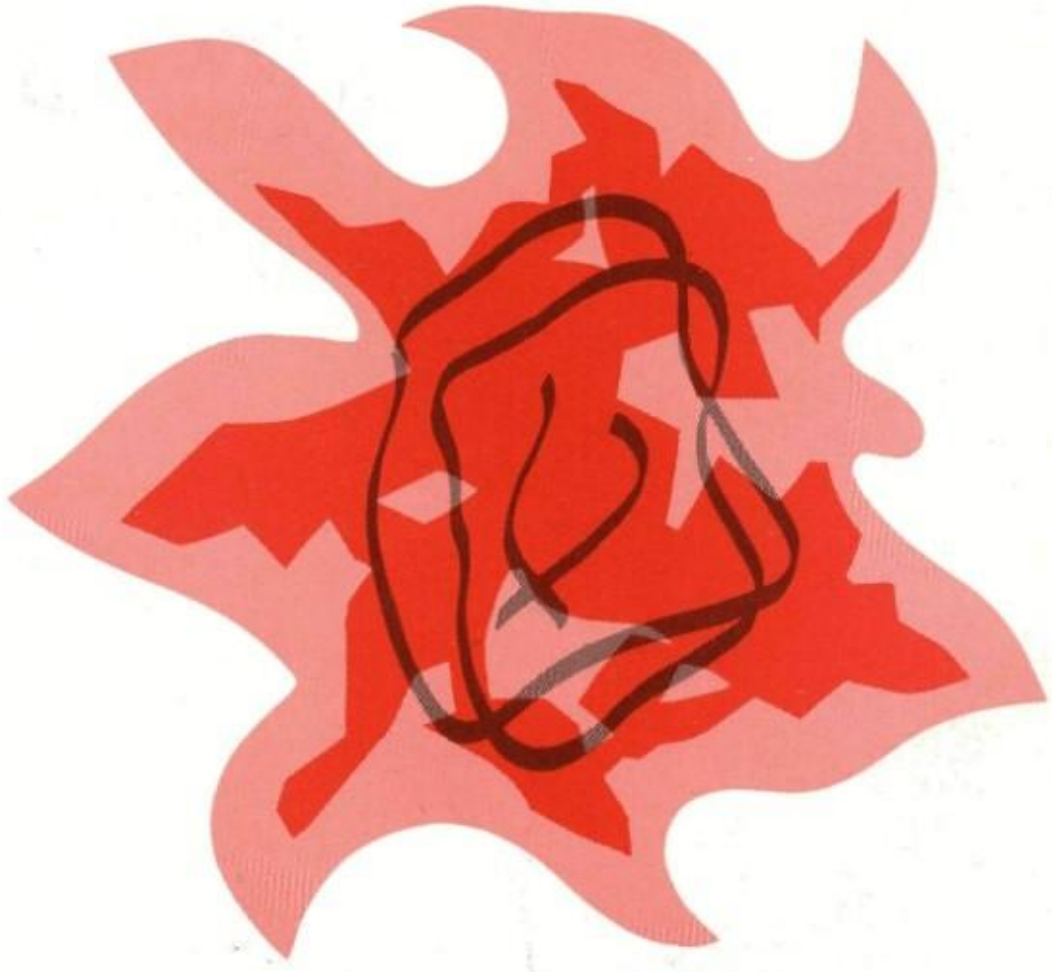
As in the past, Taft High had a fine golf team this year. Coming off last year's championship team, the Wildcats seem a cinch to repeat as league champs as the Derrick goes to press.

The 'Cats had four of last year's team return to add experience to a fine team. Headed by Steve Denesha, other returners were Mike Hollingsworth, Mike George, and Bob Ransom. Breaking into the top six for the first time this year were Martin Trahan and Ray George.

The team had a new coach this season as Noah Curti took over the job from Dean Johnson. He felt that this year's team may even be better than the '68 team which was called the greatest in the history of Taft High. Coach Curti will no doubt have a fine team again next year as four of his top six will be back at it in '70.

Steve Denisha smiles at his perfect follow through.

Dale



-Kathy-

So a really nice girl, who has brought lots of fun into our piano class. You're really a lot of fun. Hope you continue to take piano - you could become very good! Have fun this summer with the boys!

Best of Luck Always

Love Ya

Randy

'69'

Organizations

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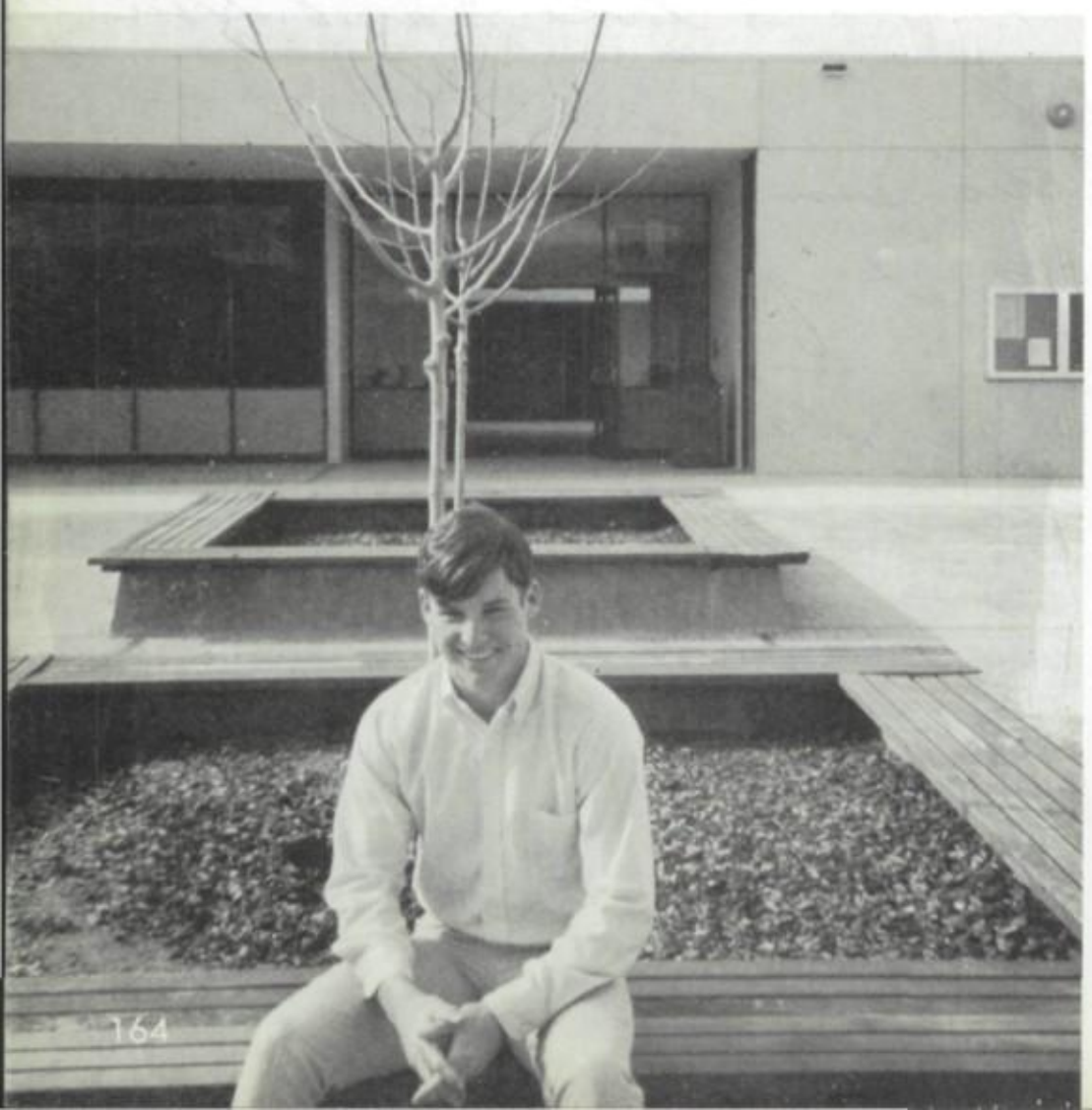
Dave Thacher, Student Body President.



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Janet Downing, Margie Coonrod, Peg LaBrut, Ann Walker, and Judy Seppi talk about school activities.

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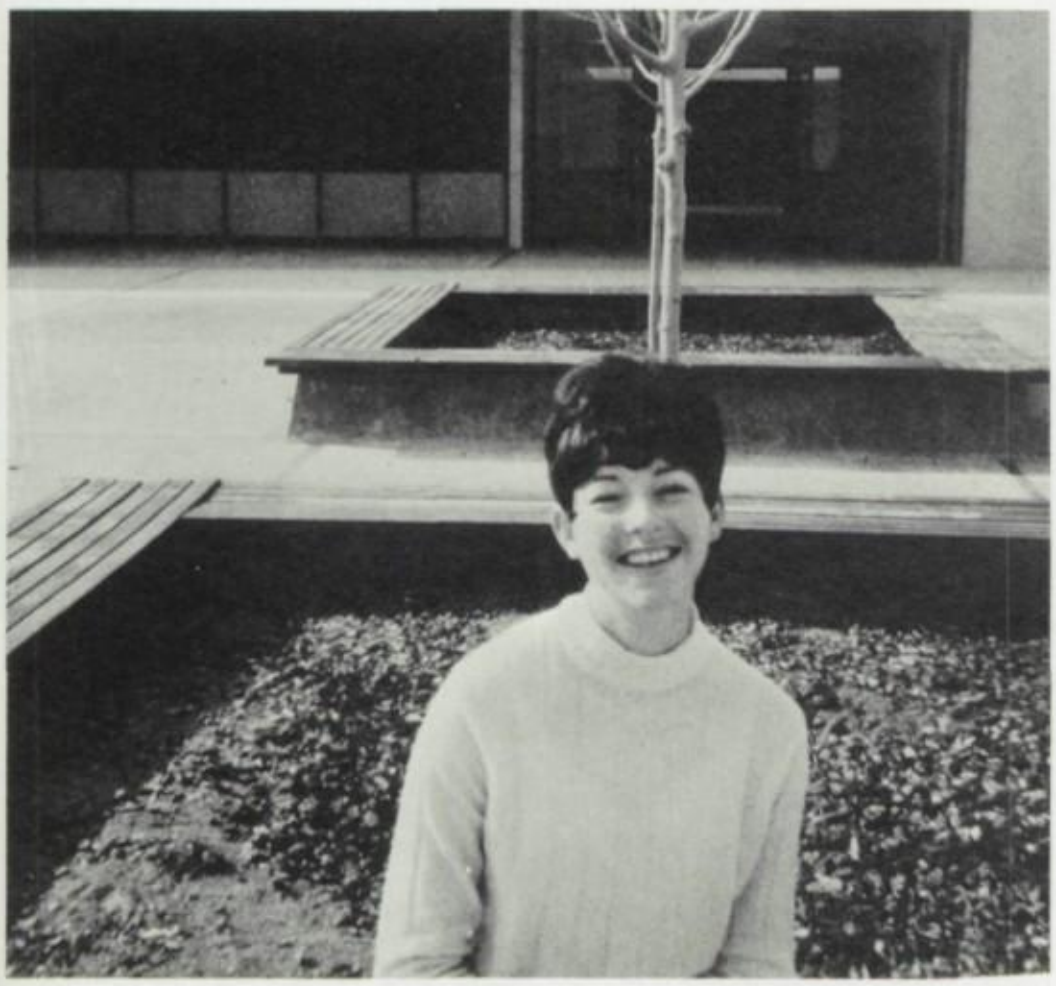

American Field Service, Ginger Lyne.

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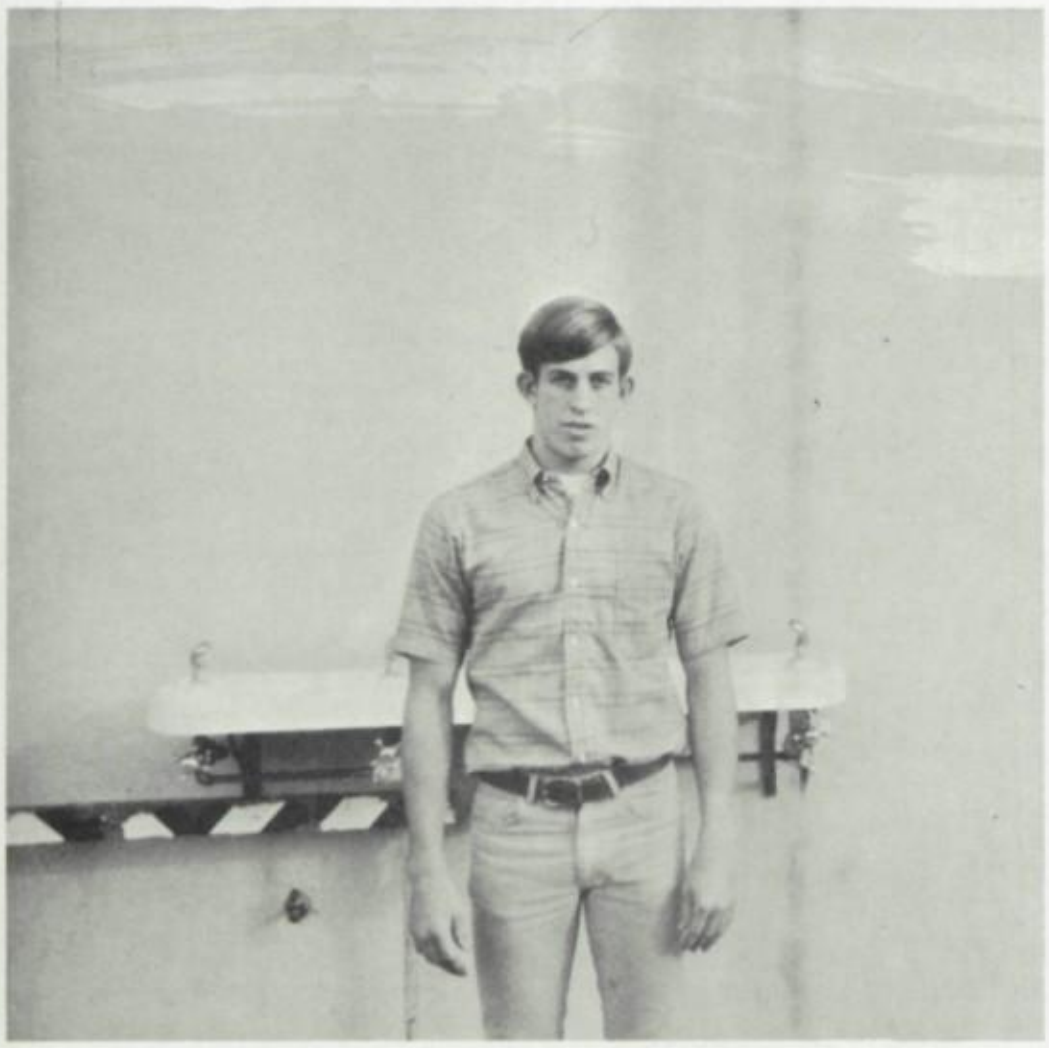

Charlie Hibbard, Craftsman's Club President poses for a picture.

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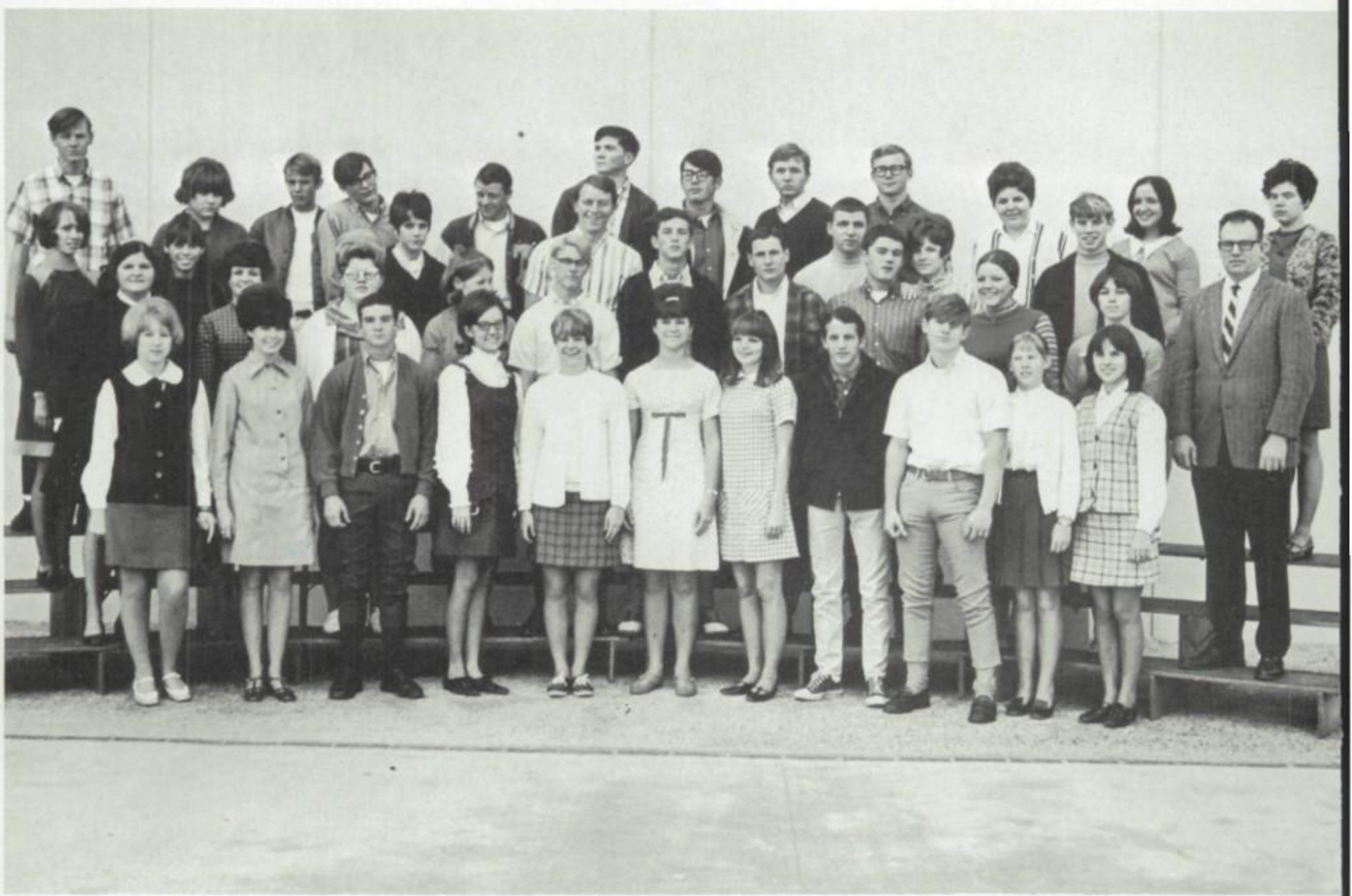

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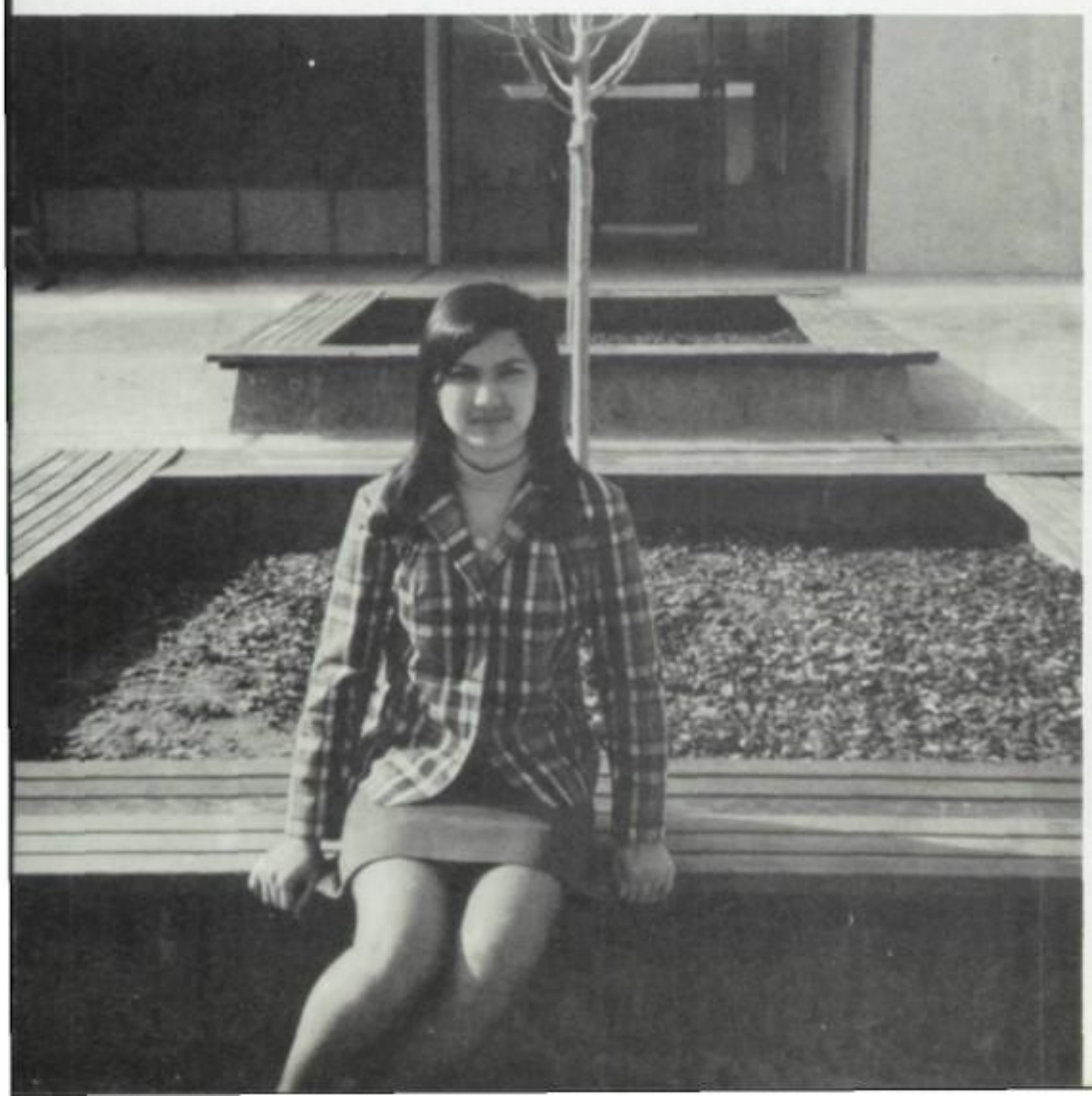

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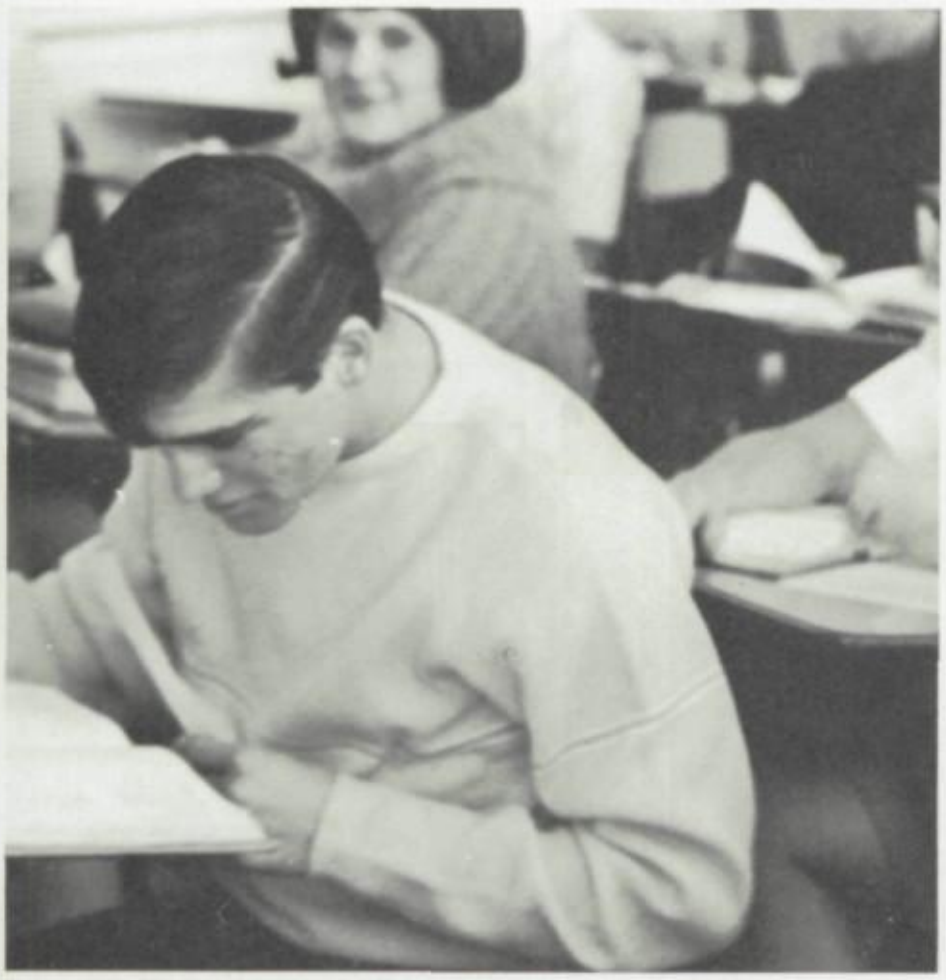

Allen Jennings, a member of ICC, thinks about tomorrows meeting.

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Treasa Heaps and Kim Stewart at the Future Nurses Club's Luau.

The Following is read at each future Nurses Club meeting:

"The Greatest Things"

The greatest sin — Fear

The best day — Today

The biggest fool — The boy who will not go to school

The greatest deceiver — One who deceives himself

The greatest mistake — Giving up

The most expensive indulgence — Hate

The cheapest, stupidest, and easiest thing to do — Find fault

The greatest trouble-maker — Talking too much

The worst bankrupt — The soul that has lost its enthusiasm

The cleverest man — One who always does what he thinks is right

The best teacher — One who makes you want to learn

The best part of anyone's religion — Gentleness and cheerfulness

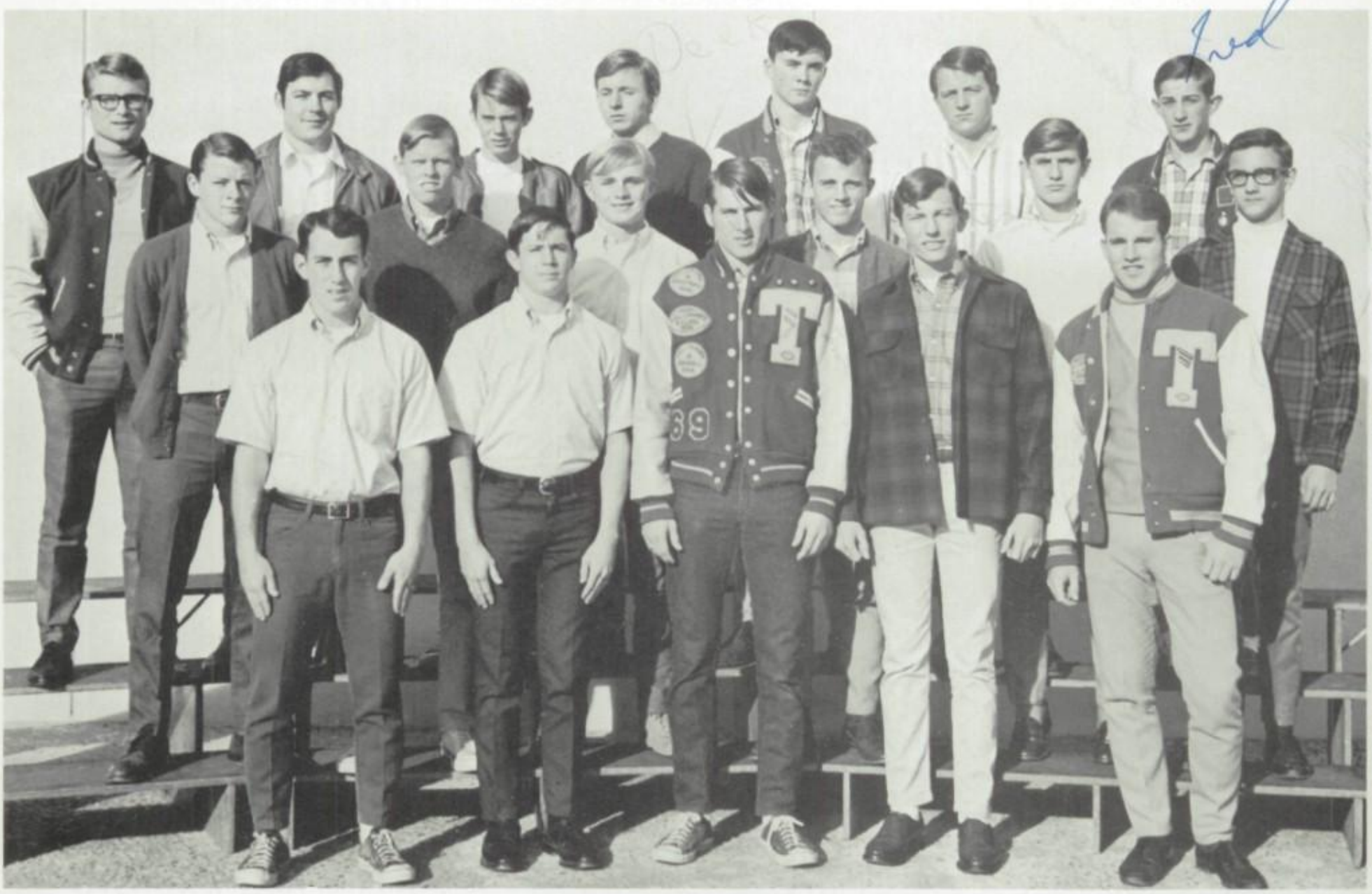
The meanest feeling — Jealousy

The greatest need — Common sense

The best gift — Forgiveness

Teddy and Coleen Smith show what they collected for the World Clothing Fund.

Cheryl Mathais and Mrs. Land display their UNICEF containers.



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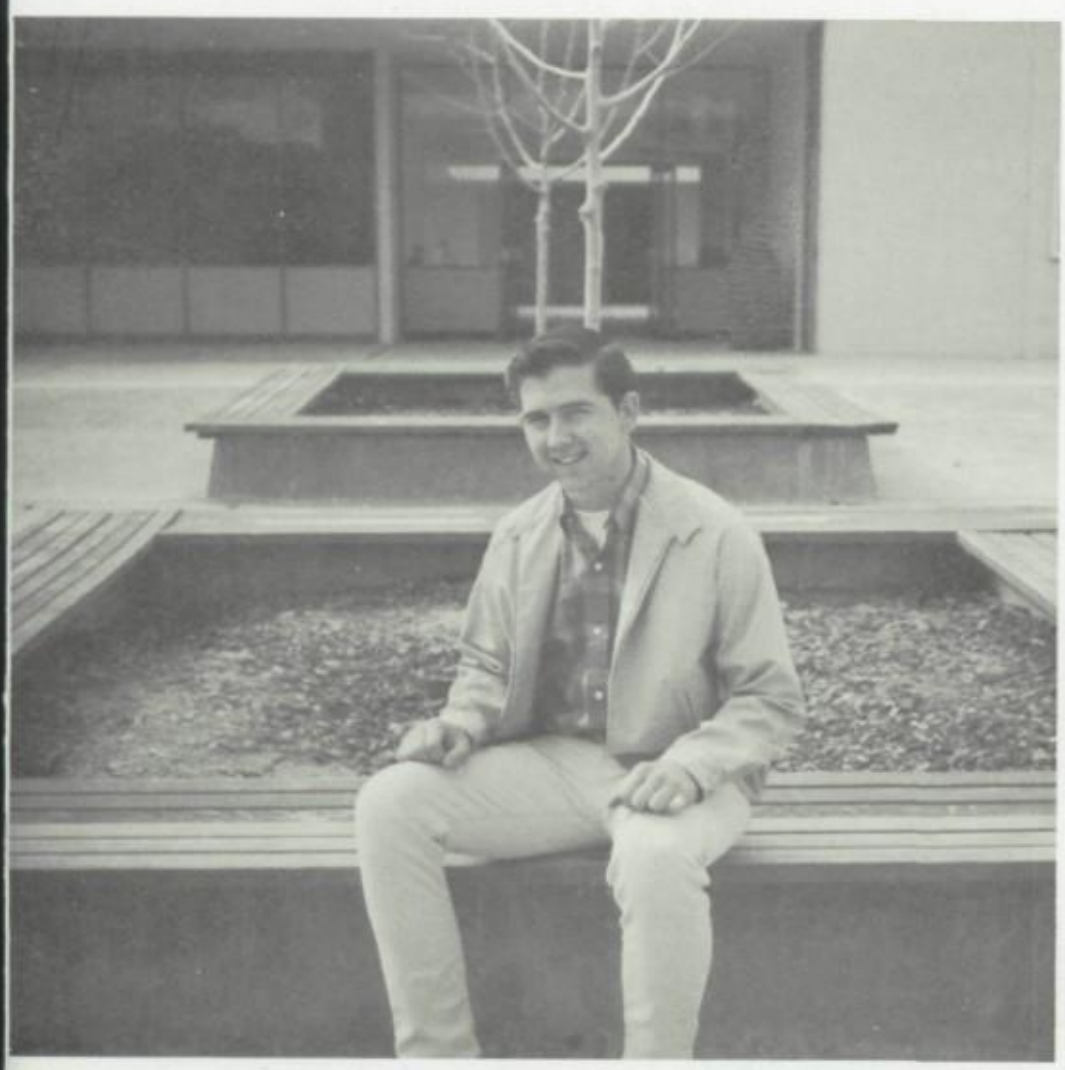

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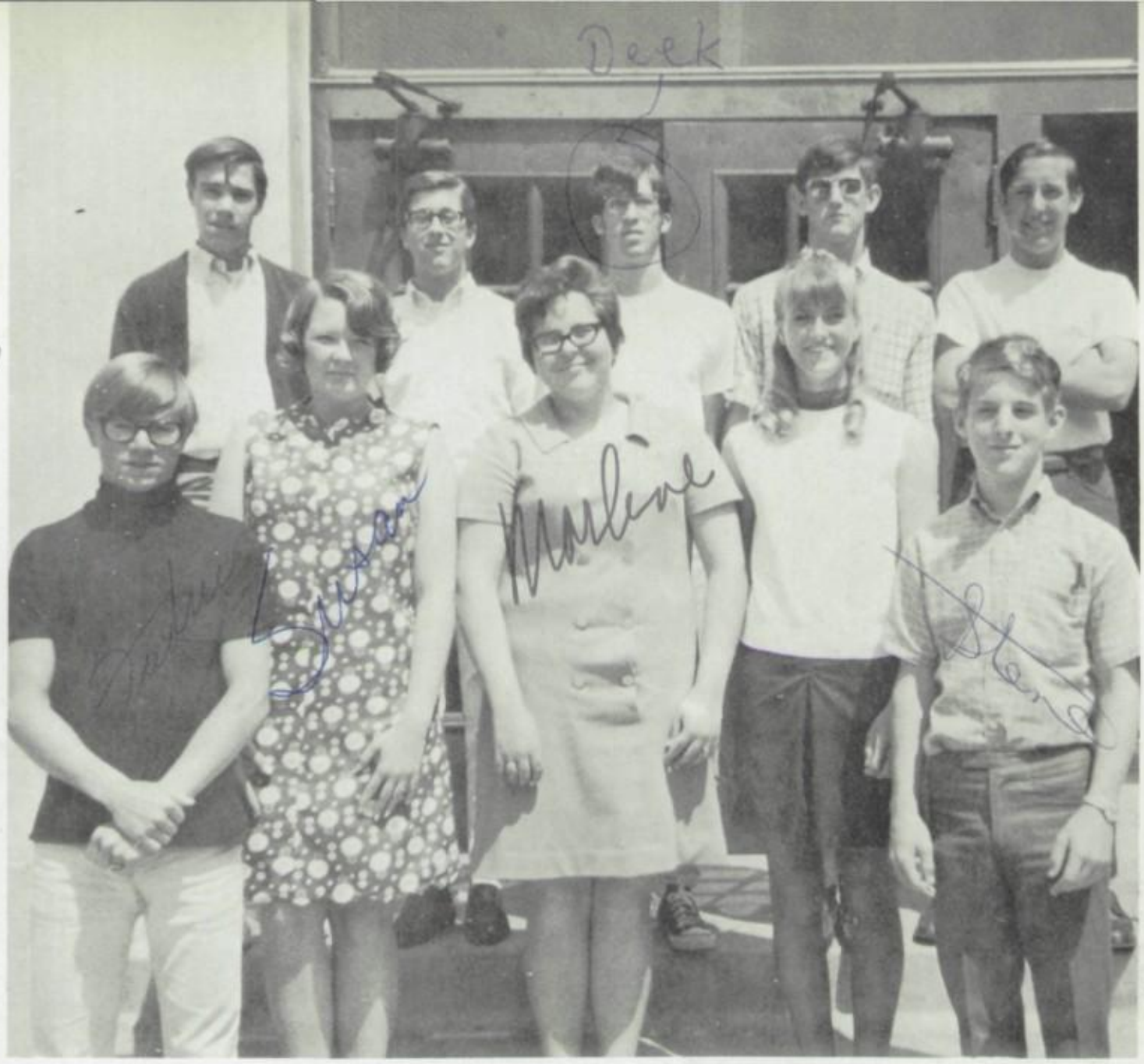

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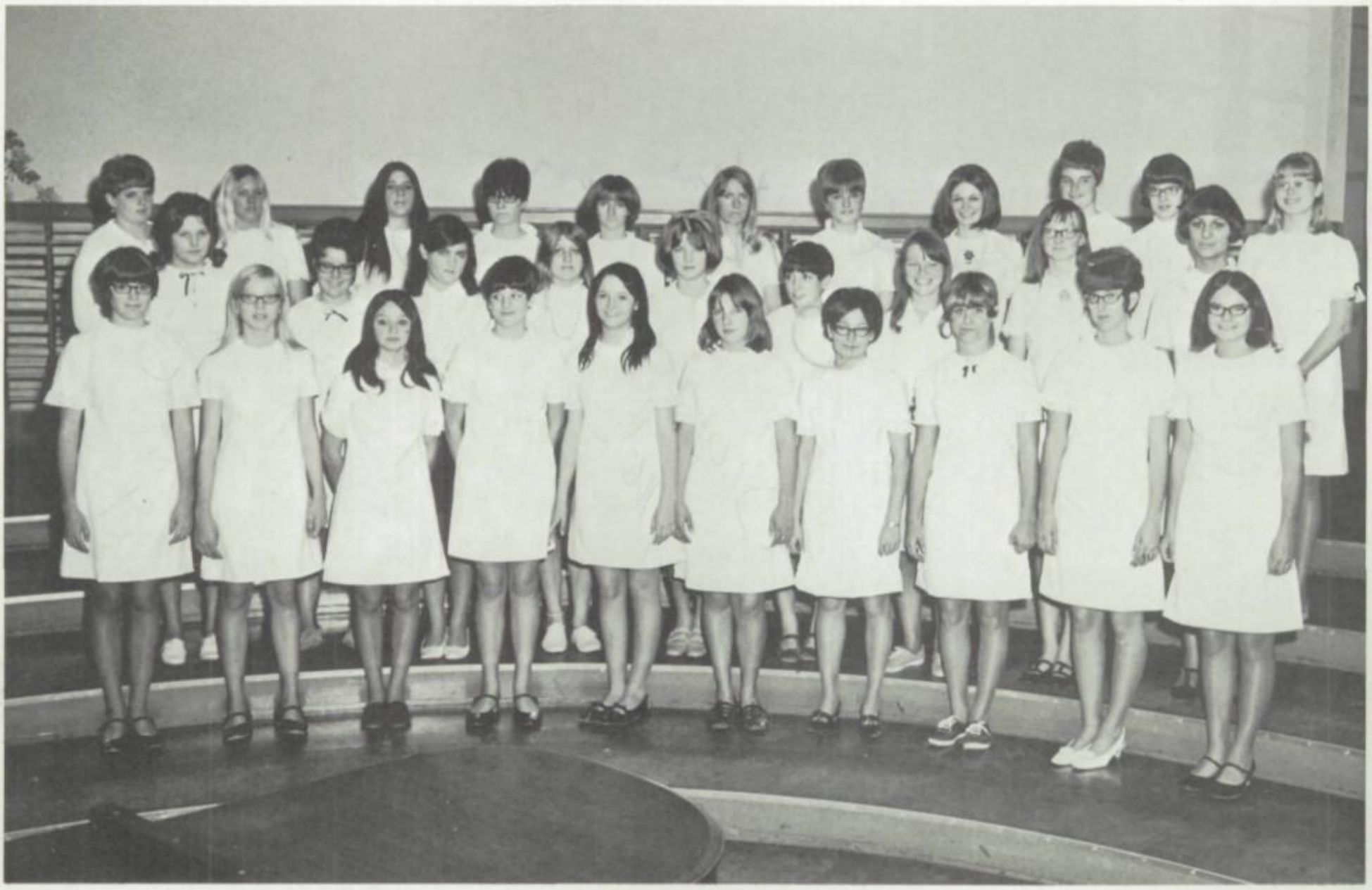

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Wally Wildcat, Kris Hall, poses for the camerman on the football field.

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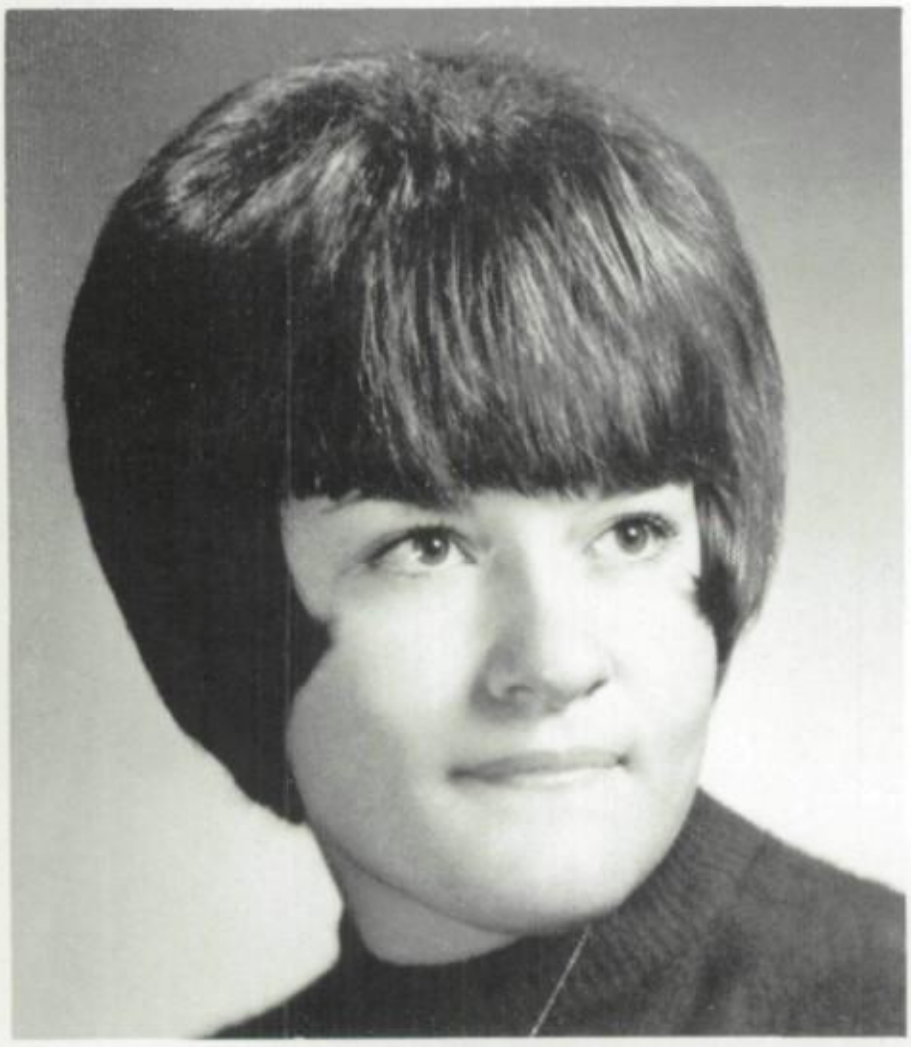

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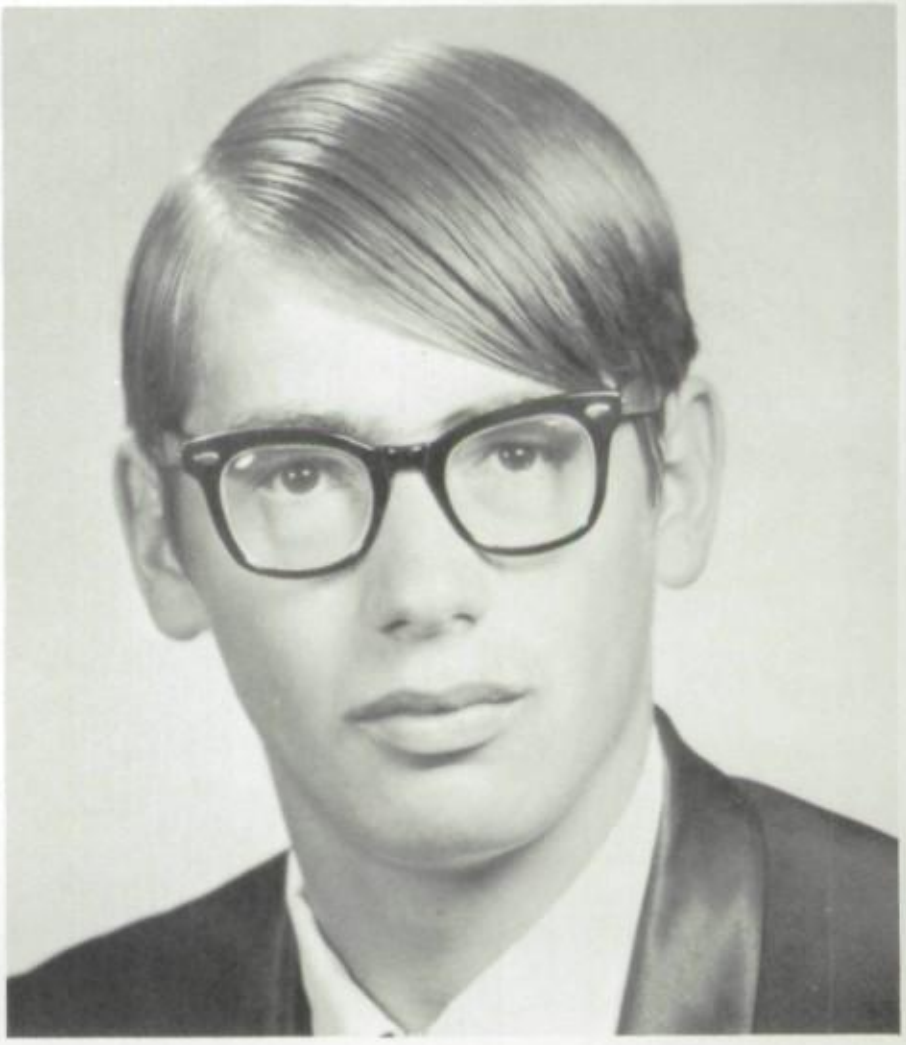

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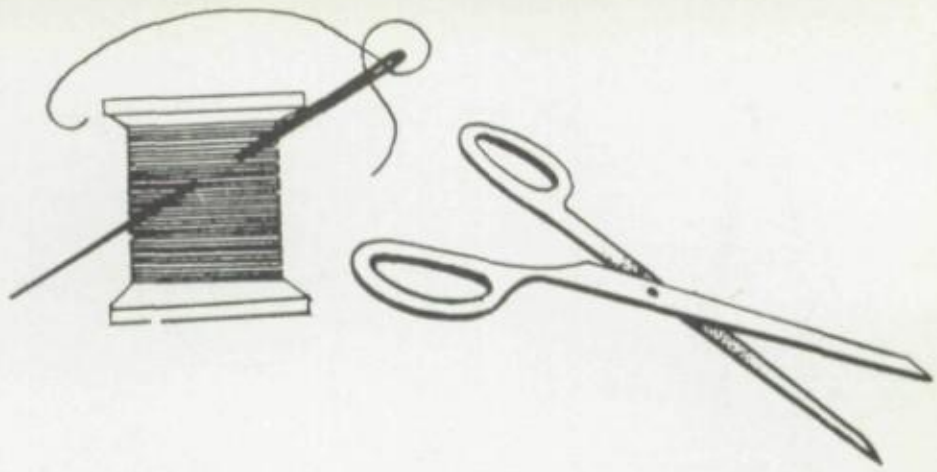

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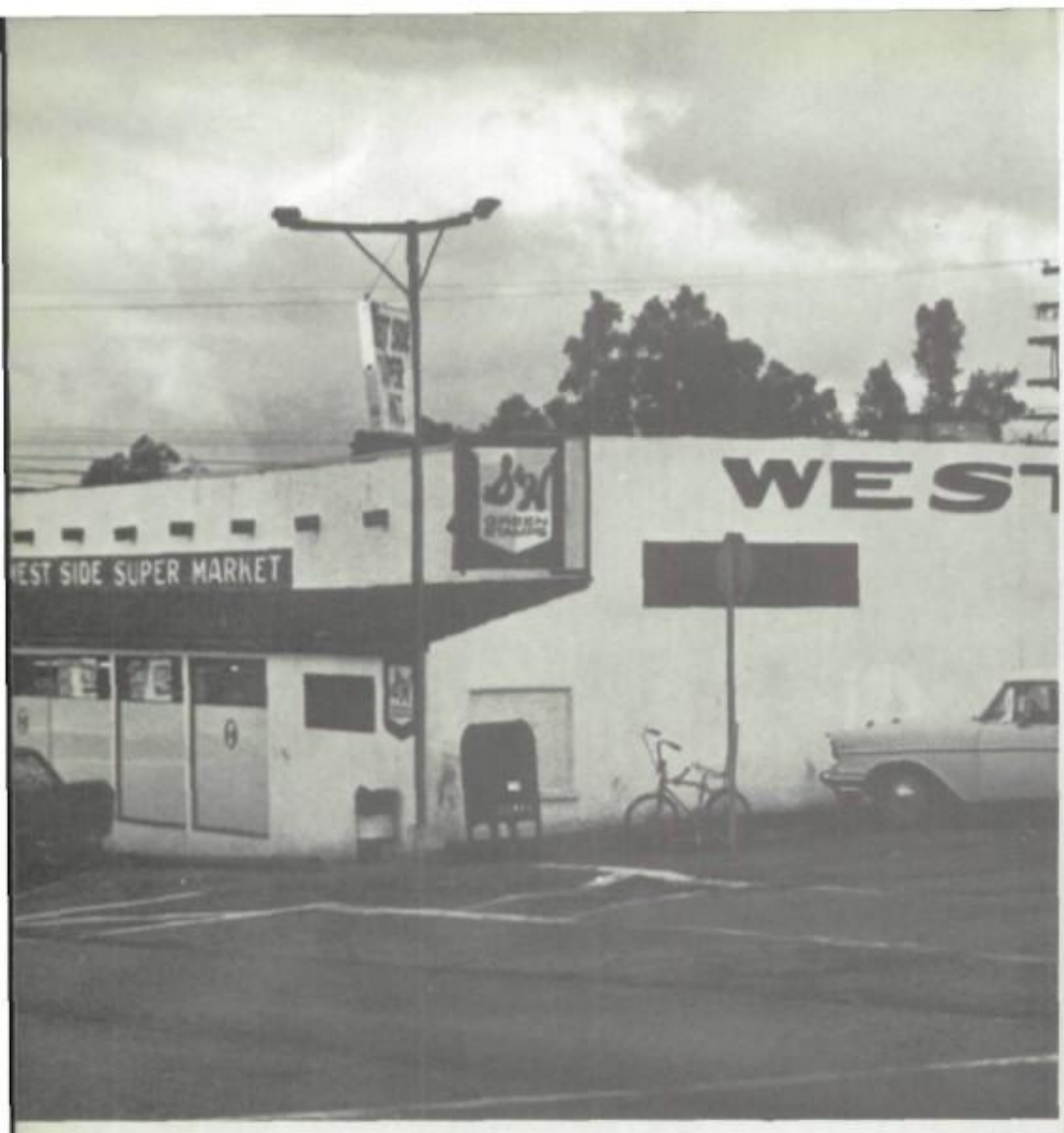

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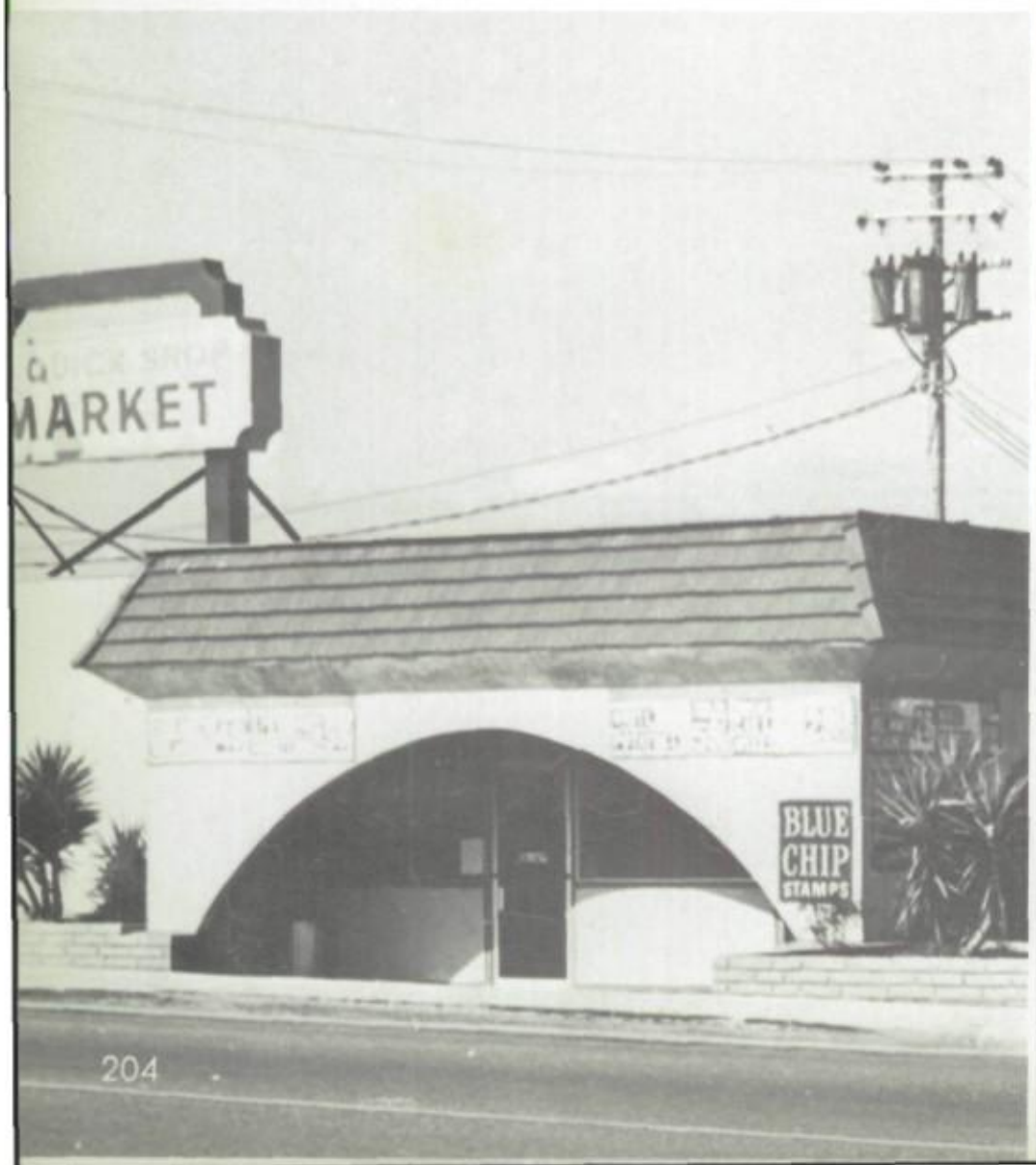

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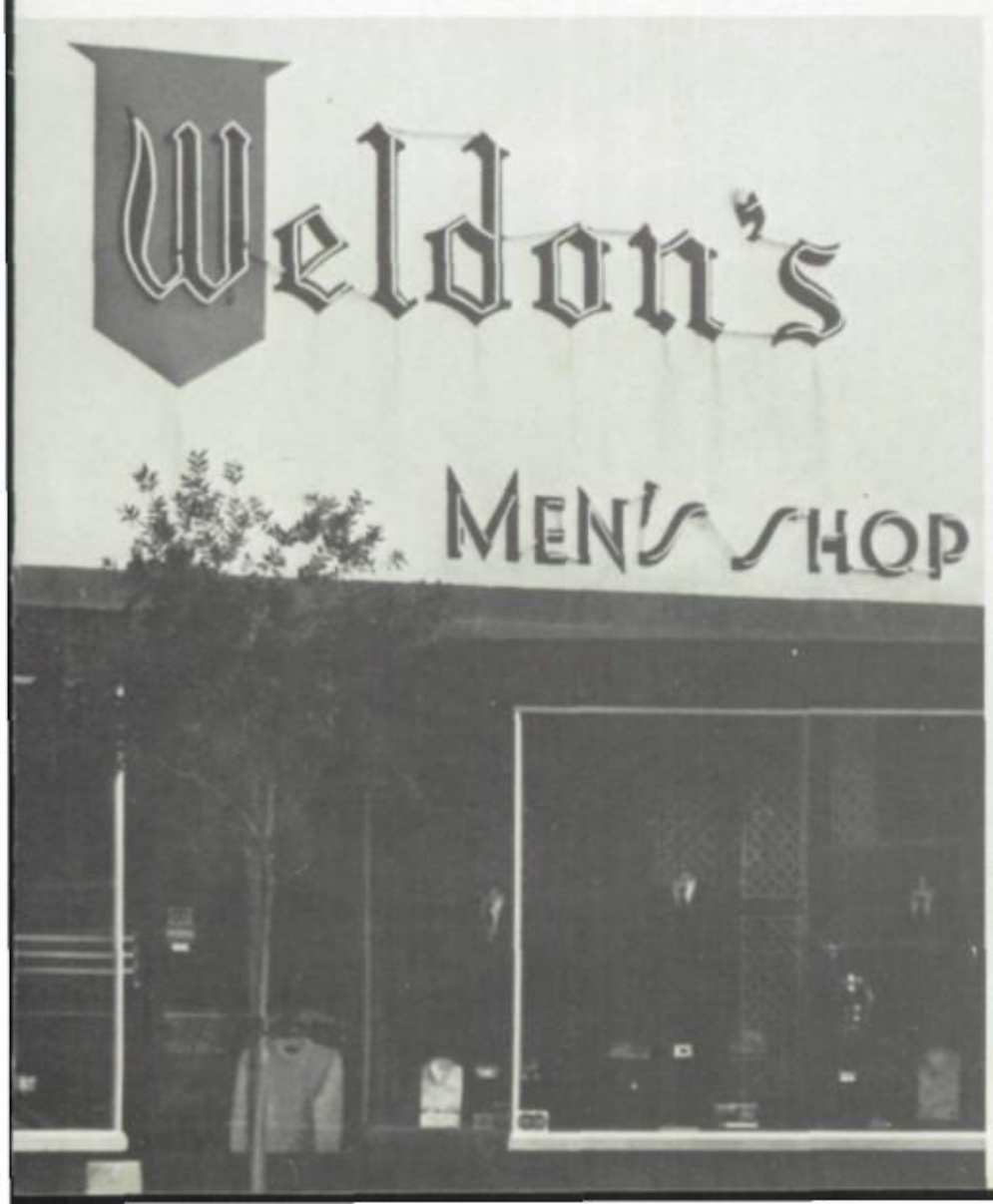

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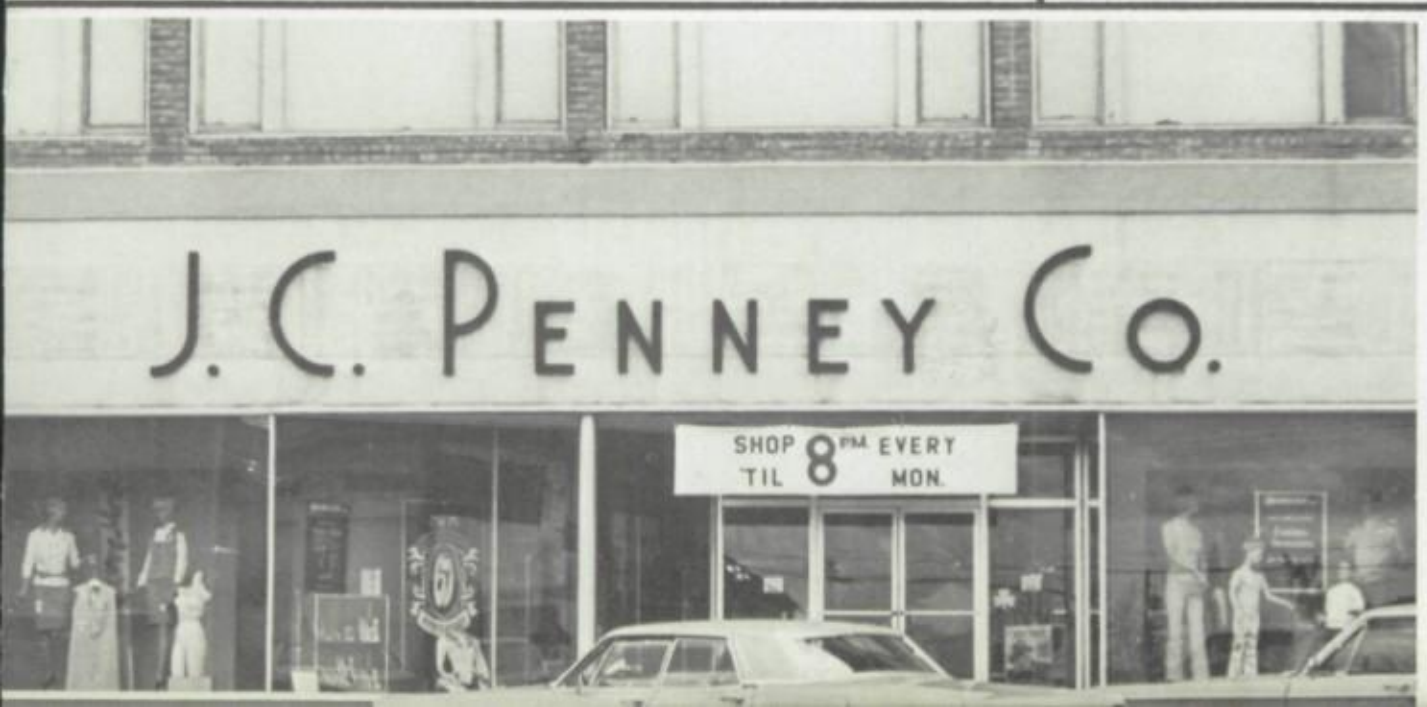

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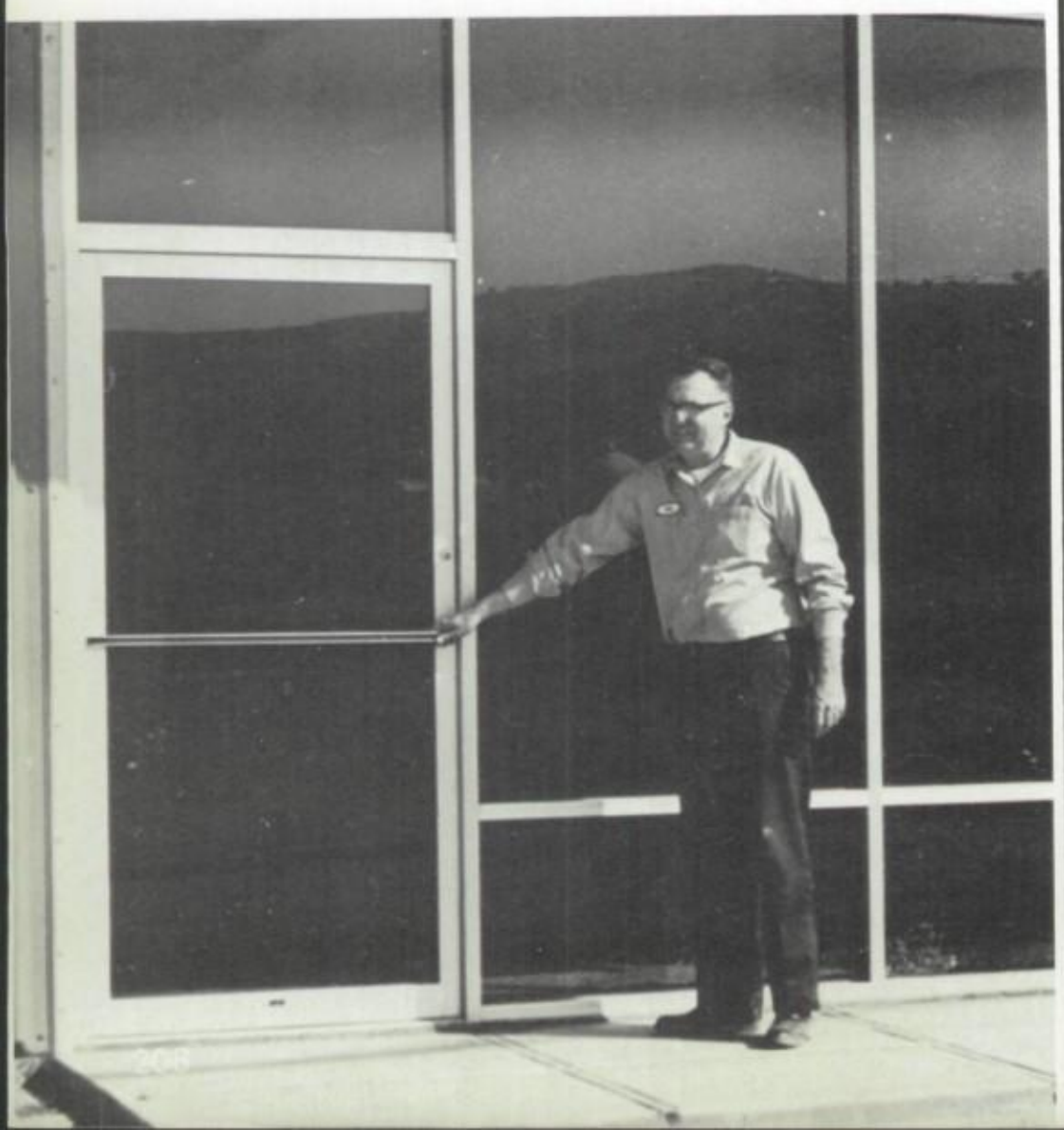

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Ron Walker

Kathy,
You have been
a good friend to
me, so much more so
than so many people
were. That dashed to be in
the years past. I'm glad to
have been able to get to know you
better.

Mary Thompson

Kathy -
It's been nice knowing
you and a little painful
like the time coming home on
the bus. Well best of luck
in the future
A friend always
Doug Hackler
'70

Kathy,
At least we had
a class together this
year! Now we are
Seniors! Aren't we lucky?
You're really a sweet girl with
a good personality. I hope we
have a class together again
next year. Have fun this
summer. I'll see you next year.

Love,
Debbie Fillmore
"70"

Kathy,
I wish you the
best of luck in
the future.

Hector M. Canales

Kathy -
Best of luck to you
always. You one of the
greatest gals I've ever
know. Hope to see you
a lot more in the future.
Best of everything
always!

John McKinnee

Kathy, I lost
it's been a lot
of fun this year.
I've enjoyed
in P.E. & I've enjoyed
your friendship very much.
I hope that we may become
even better friends next year
good luck always
your friend
Jean Stinson

Kathy,
I wish we would
have known each other
better But I guess
thats life. Good luck
in the future in all
you do.
Sinceramente
Kenny Robinson

Never change
Love
Sam

Kathy,
When it comes to
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-Kathy-
Even though we didn't
know each other very well,
Music would never have been
the same if you hadn't been
there.

Carole
Cogdill

Kathy -
I've enjoyed
your friendship
all these years. You were
one of the first I've chatted
with and I'll always
treasure it. Good
luck next year as a SR &
your graduation. May your dreams
come true and my not too many
years pass before we meet
again.
Nancy
('70)

Kathy,
You are a
sweet girl
Stay that
way. Love
Diana
('70)

H.A. H.A.

Reserved

Kathy,

It has been a long, hard year as Juniors, but now as it ends it seems impossible that we are Seniors. I'm so glad that we have become such good friends in only three years & I hope it will always be this way. We've been a lot of good times & bad times this year, but we always seemed to struggle through them. I can never express in words, how thankful I was to always have someone like you to turn to. My problems have occupied my mind almost completely throughout the year & this really hasn't left much time for me to thank you for your help & to tell God that I believe in him. I realize I'm supposed to make time for such things, but I never was much on keeping up a schedule. You are so very fortunate to have a church to pick after you so much & a pastor who is always near. I think that the combined work the many hard hours put in by your parents has helped to have that such a marvelous girl. I've learned to live with my problems more & accept life the way it is with your help. I didn't really mean to be thanking you for that either but you were intended to be thanked for many things. I'm sorry that I was in such a shake to help you with your problems because it wasn't that after that you had them & then you turned them up & left to run to someone else's rescue. I thought like you will probably be hurt by careless men who like to accuse the true love & loyalty of a person, but not return it. I hope I'm wrong, but with your sweetness & fine personality, I can't see that will happen for long. I can't say you're too kind, just too kind for your own good in your own way.

I only hope you will wear that beautiful smile of yours like always, because when its gone its like the sun has gone behind a cloud. Be glad this summer & if you see Steve, ask him how he likes his eggs. Don't worry, we'll think of lots of man things to do next year. If I'm here this. With any luck at all I will see you once or twice on Sunday & school & church. May God bless & watch over you always.

Love ya always,
Bonita

Kathy -

You are a wonderful person who has been a real witness my life. God Luck Always to a sweet girl.

Debbie Roblyer
'69

Kathy
You a sweet girl and a real friend.
We've had a great year and I'm looking
forward to the next year and I'm looking
Robert Bendel

Kathy
To our BFF
president who
is always giving
us fine programs.
Lots of luck.
Fred Burt
70 -

Kathy -

In these few months that I've been here I haven't got to know anyone very good. Its been wonderful living here this band + knowing you. I don't know you to well but what I see of your sweet + very nice. Stay that way in the future. And hope to see ya this summer.

David Mitchell
"72"

Kathy
I'm sorry I didn't get to see you
more this year. I hope you
have a great summer and
good luck next year.
Love
Bob

Reserved

Kathy,

It's really hard to put into words what you really mean to me and what an influence you've been in my life. I truly don't know what I'd do if I lost your friendship - it means a great deal to me. Maybe I'm being selfish because I know what a treasure you are! I admit that I've been jealous at times... wishing I could have that certain "glow" like yours, that smile, & that living witness, but I know that instead of trying to be like you or any other person, I should try & be like Christ, & I know that's what you are doing. Kathy, I love you for the wonderful person you are, & the person you are in Christ. We all know that it's great to have friends, but it's especially great to have Christian friends - it makes life richer & more meaningful. Although we have no classes together, let's not let this stop us from getting closer. I'm really looking forward to catching up on our talking, you might say, & instead of just talking about doing it, let's do it, o k?! - Well, this is our last year of high school coming up, & it's kind of scary to me, but I hope exciting - I hope this hasn't sound too - shall we say "mushy," but I mean every word! And now I'll say - Cheers - to our friendship & may it be an everlasting one.

Lots of love thru Christ, a true Friend

Judy

True friends, like ivy & the wall
Both stand together,
And together fall

-Kathleen-
Kathy, I have never had a friend like you, sometimes I fell very low tell I see you. You always have such a pretty smile, and if the Rolet worldsmiled and looked like you this would be a wonderful place to live. -Ken Porter-

P.S LOVE YA.

-Kathy-
To a real sweet girl and neighbor good luck in the years to come. Steve Vaughn

Dear Sweet Kathleen
-I probably spelled your name wrong off. Anyway when you climb trees be sure to do away with any buttons that fall into the sky from that bear cub on the rooftop of the ages. In other words, don't catch more fish than you can eat.
au revoir-
Deek

Kathy
I'm glad you've been my big. class so we could become better friends than before. I know you will be very successful in life and I hope you have all the happiness you deserve! Always a friend
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a friend always,
Dale Brown

Kathy-
You're a nut. But I'll forgive you for being one seeing as how I am one, too.
Alpha

Kathy, been a lot of help to me this past year in band and Chi Alpha. Hope to see a lot of you this summer. Good luck during your senior year. God Bless. Love ya,
Colleen

Kathy—
You are a very sweet girl and we had a lot of fun on those cool church trips! Good luck in your swinging senior year.
Danny

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Kathy, you're a nut. But I'll forgive you for being one seeing as how I am one, too.
Alpha

Since you are not in any of my classes I can't tell you how you talked too much and cheated in geometry even if you didn't so I just say how nice and how nice you are to be around.

Steve

Dear Miss Kintsel:

I don't know you very well, but I know you have a great personality and that you are always cheerful. I really enjoyed being in Band with you. I guess I'll see you next year. Keep smiling!

Arnold

Kathy,
It's been a
blast knowing
you. Keep
practicing your
flute. Have a
good Fuck-spot.
Jean go a Senior?
Jean see you next
year.
Luv ya
Glenda

Keep smiling
Have a great
Summer and lots
of fun and
laughter
Keep up the
good work. Glad
we're lunch
buddies
Steve
Bruns

I know you've been busy this year with band. Jean and Jeff comrade

Kathleen -
Well old math buddy are you ready for our final? It's been fun having English + Geometry with you this year + I sure hope we have Mr. Palmisano again next year. You're a great friend, Have fun this summer & I'll see ya around. "70"

Kathy -
It doesn't seem like very long ago that we were still up at IP not wanting to come back down to the hill. But we did and we've had a great year. We've experienced a lot together & I know you'll be the best president ever. Just remember to pray always that's the key. Love always,
Susie

Kathy
It's been wonderful knowing you, and even better since you've been in several of my classes. Hope to see you lots next year. Lots of luck. Luv John W. "70"

-Kathleen-

You are going to be an exceptionally great senior, since you are a great person. You are a wonderful Christian girl. Stay close to God always, and you'll always be happy. May God bless you always!
"69" Love ya"
Carol (Butler)